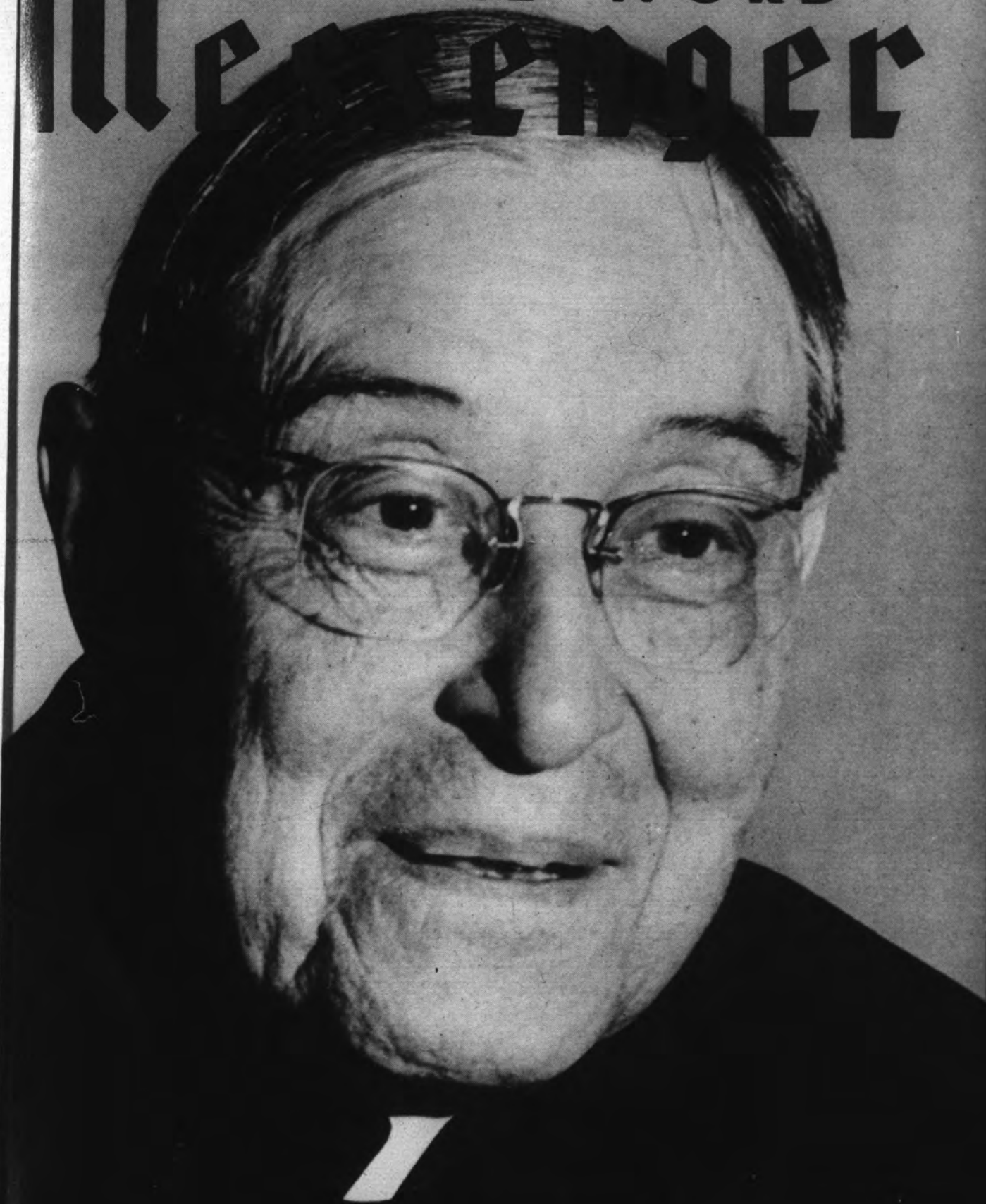


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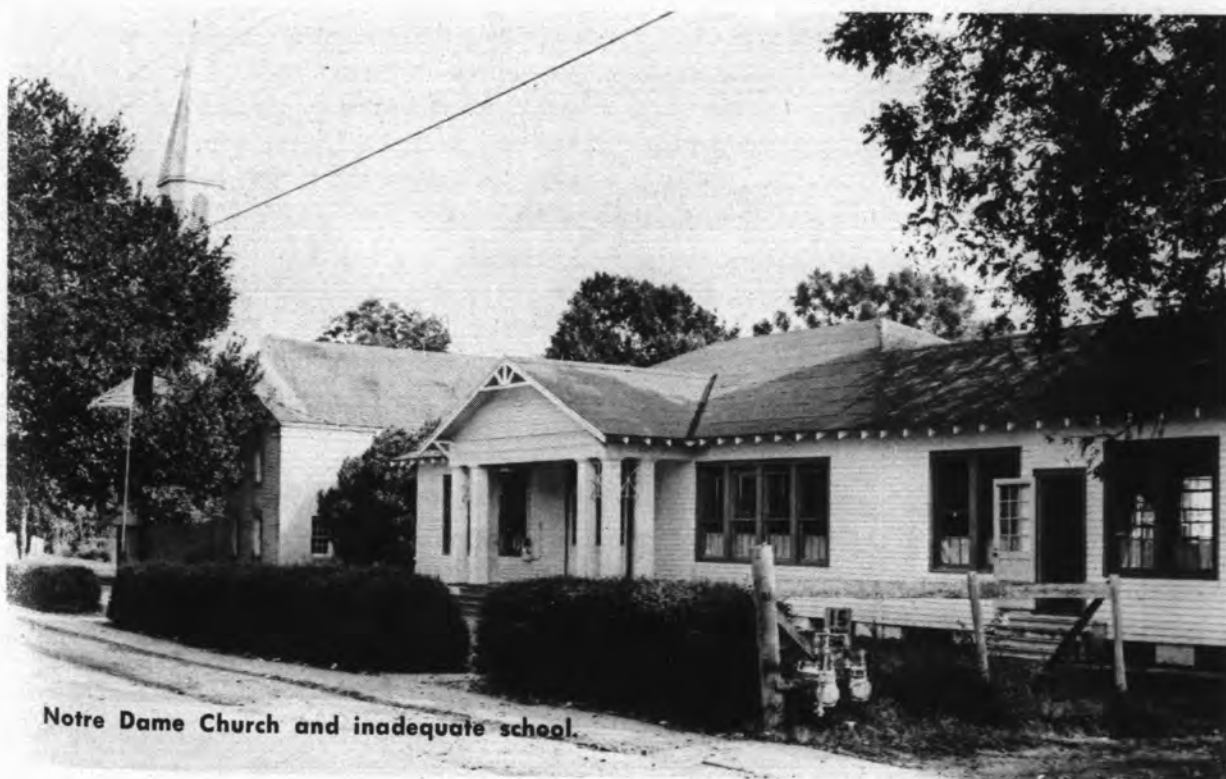
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Millions of people have had the unique privilege of seeing what is believed to be the seamless robe of Christ, the Tunic which Mary wove without a seam, and for which the Roman soldiers cast lots on Calvary.

This precious relic is preserved in the Cathedral of Trier on the Moselle River in Germany. It has been put on public display six times, in 1512, 1810, 1844, 1891, 1933 and 1959. It was exhibited for six weeks in 1959 and attracted more than two million people from all parts of the world.

Only a few persons knew of its existence prior to 1512 when the Archbishop of Trier took it out of hiding so that it could be seen by Emperor Maximilian when the latter held a Parliament in the ancient German city.

Up until that time its existence had been a closely guarded secret, revealed only to the heads of certain trusted royal families from generation to generation. To them fell the responsibility of safeguarding the garment during the turbulent periods in European history.

In 1512 the priceless relic was taken from a locked chest from behind the high altar in the Cathedral of Trier in the presence of Church dignitaries from many parts of Europe who had

been invited to attend the auspicious ceremony.

The chest carried the seal of the Trier Archbishop and these words: "This is the seamless Tunic of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Many skeptics through the centuries have asked why such a precious object should turn up in a remote German town. How did it get from Jerusalem to Trier? The antiquity and history of that town serve as an authentic background for the tradition attached to the Sacred Tunic.

Trier is the oldest city in Germany. According to tradition it stood 1300 years before Rome. Its founder, Trebeta, son of an Assyrian king, is credited by historians with founding Trier around the year 2000 B.C. Archaeologists, however, insist it was in existence long before Trebeta's time.

The ancient city fell to Julius Caesar in 56 B.C. Half a century later Augustus raised it to the rank of a Roman town. Its residents were granted Roman citizenship. Because of its geographical position Trier became the capital of the northern area of the Roman Empire and enjoyed similar prestige to that accorded Rome

and Constantinople.

Many of the Roman kings took up residence in Trier. Among them was Constantine. During his many absences from the city on affairs of state he left the welfare of the realm in the hands of his mother, Queen Helena.

The story of the conversion of Constantine and Helena, and of the famous discoveries of the relics of Christ's Passion by the latter, is too well known for repetition. Many people, however, have questioned the probability of a woman nearing her eighties making such an arduous and hazardous journey as that from Trier to the Holyland.

In view of what is known of the Roman Empire it is a misconception to believe that the trip was as hazardous or arduous as moderns assert. The Romans had a magnificent system of highways. Colonists kept the barbarians at bay. The army patrolled the roads.

It was possible to make the trip from Trier to Constantinople in relatively short time. Roman ingenuity took much of the hardship out of travel and naturally the mother of the king was provided with the finest conveyance.

Among the relics which Helena brought back to Europe was the Tunic now preserved in the Cathedral of Trier. It is believed that the soldier, who won the Robe through casting lots, probably sold it for a good price to one of the followers of Christ.

Evidently the early Christians made every effort to retrieve the relics of Christ and His holy Mother and kept them safely hidden away, passing the custody of them from one Churchman to another through the generations. The custodians of the relics may have been very happy to have such treasures taken to Europe where conditions for their survival were immeasurably better.

According to tradition, Helena, in 324 A.D. presented the Sacred Tunic to her friend, Agritius, Bishop of Trier.

It was to be secretly housed in the newly-built cathedral. Thus she endowed the town she loved with its presence.

Its existence, however, would be a closely guarded secret until conditions would so improve that the Tunic of Trier could be presented to the Christians of the world. As times became worse instead of better it was not considered safe to reveal the secret of the Tunic, nor take it out of hiding until the year 1512.

Members of the European Hierarchy were invited to Trier. In their presence the Archbishop of the city withdrew the sealed chest from behind the high altar in the cathedral with suitable ceremonies. After being shown to King Maximilian, who was holding a Parliament in the city, the Tunic was placed on public display for the edification of the laity. It remained on exhibition for twenty three days during which time more than 100,000 pilgrims traveled to Trier to see it.

The Reformation sent the Tunic into hiding once again. It was taken from the cathedral and passed from fortress to fortress until 1810 when conditions became sufficiently stabilized to return the relic to the Cathedral of Trier. Once again it was installed in the ancient edifice with suitable ceremonies and placed on public display.

This particular relic has always been of considerable interest to the sick in view of the Gospel story of the woman with an issue of blood who was miraculously cured when she kissed the hem of Christ's garment.

As a result many of the pilgrims, who converge on Trier during the public exposition of the Tunic and in between times, are sick and disabled. Special arrangements are always made for the Sick Pilgrims. Every person who visits the Cathedral of Trier and fulfills the required conditions of the pilgrimage is given a souvenir that has been touched to the Sacred Tunic.

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Millions of people have had the unique privilege of seeing what is believed to be the seamless robe of Christ, the Tunic which Mary wove without a seam, and for which the Roman soldiers cast lots on Calvary.

This precious relic is preserved in the Cathedral of Trier on the Moselle River in Germany. It has been put on public display six times, in 1512, 1810, 1844, 1891, 1933 and 1959. It was exhibited for six weeks in 1959 and attracted more than two million people from all parts of the world.

Only a few persons knew of its existence prior to 1512 when the Archbishop of Trier took it out of hiding so that it could be seen by Emperor Maximilian when the latter held a Parliament in the ancient German city.

Up until that time its existence had been a closely guarded secret, revealed only to the heads of certain trusted royal families from generation to generation. To them fell the responsibility of safeguarding the garment during the turbulent periods in European history.

In 1512 the priceless relic was taken from a locked chest from behind the high altar in the Cathedral of Trier in the presence of Church dignitaries from many parts of Europe who had

been invited to attend the auspicious ceremony.

The chest carried the seal of the Trier Archbishop and these words: "This is the seamless Tunic of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Many skeptics through the centuries have asked why such a precious object should turn up in a remote German town. How did it get from Jerusalem to Trier? The antiquity and history of that town serve as an authentic background for the tradition attached to the Sacred Tunic.

Trier is the oldest city in Germany. According to tradition it stood 1300 years before Rome. Its founder, Trebeta, son of an Assyrian king, is credited by historians with founding Trier around the year 2000 B.C. Archaeologists, however, insist it was in existence long before Trebeta's time.

The ancient city fell to Julius Caesar in 56 B.C. Half a century later Augustus raised it to the rank of a Roman town. Its residents were granted Roman citizenship. Because of its geographical position Trier became the capital of the northern area of the Roman Empire and enjoyed similar prestige to that accorded Rome

and Constantinople.

Many of the Roman kings took up residence in Trier. Among them was Constantine. During his many absences from the city on affairs of state he left the welfare of the realm in the hands of his mother, Queen Helena.

The story of the conversion of Constantine and Helena, and of the famous discoveries of the relics of Christ's Passion by the latter, is too well known for repetition. Many people, however, have questioned the probability of a woman nearing her eighties making such an arduous and hazardous journey as that from Trier to the Holyland.

In view of what is known of the Roman Empire it is a misconception to believe that the trip was as hazardous or arduous as moderns assert. The Romans had a magnificent system of highways. Colonists kept the barbarians at bay. The army patrolled the roads.

It was possible to make the trip from Trier to Constantinople in relatively short time. Roman ingenuity took much of the hardship out of travel and naturally the mother of the king was provided with the finest conveyance.

Among the relics which Helena brought back to Europe was the Tunic now preserved in the Cathedral of Trier. It is believed that the soldier, who won the Robe through casting lots, probably sold it for a good price to one of the followers of Christ.

Evidently the early Christians made every effort to retrieve the relics of Christ and His holy Mother and kept them safely hidden away, passing the custody of them from one Churchman to another through the generations. The custodians of the relics may have been very happy to have such treasures taken to Europe where conditions for their survival were immeasurably better.

According to tradition, Helena, in A.D. 326, presented the Sacred Tunic to her friend, Agritius, Bishop of Trier.

It was to be secretly housed in the newly-built cathedral. Thus she endowed the town she loved with its presence.

Its existence, however, would be a closely guarded secret until conditions would so improve that the Tunic of Trier could be presented to the Christians of the world. As times became worse instead of better it was not considered safe to reveal the secret of the Tunic, nor take it out of hiding until the year 1512.

Members of the European Hierarchy were invited to Trier. In their presence the Archbishop of the city withdrew the sealed chest from behind the high altar in the cathedral with suitable ceremonies. After being shown to King Maximilian, who was holding a Parliament in the city, the Tunic was placed on public display for the edification of the laity. It remained on exhibition for twenty three days during which time more than 100,000 pilgrims traveled to Trier to see it.

The Reformation sent the Tunic into hiding once again. It was taken from the cathedral and passed from fortress to fortress until 1810 when conditions became sufficiently stabilized to return the relic to the Cathedral of Trier. Once again it was installed in the ancient edifice with suitable ceremonies and placed on public display.

This particular relic has always been of considerable interest to the sick in view of the Gospel story of the woman with an issue of blood who was miraculously cured when she kissed the hem of Christ's garment.

As a result many of the pilgrims, who converge on Trier during the public exposition of the Tunic and in between times, are sick and disabled. Special arrangements are always made for the Sick Pilgrims. Every person who visits the Cathedral of Trier and fulfills the required conditions of the pilgrimage is given a souvenir that has been touched to the Sacred Tunic.

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A new breath of change is blowing through the Church today. Joseph Hornef, author of the book entitled the "New Vocation," describes what is going on: "the old is being displaced, altered and re-ordered; and efforts, often daring are being made to introduce the new."

In the midst of this change the long silence about the diaconate as a permanent state has been broken. Within the confines of a concentration camp in Dachau, Bavaria, some priests, while discussing some of the pastoral and theological trends being treated by scholars in the Church today, touched on the topic of a revival of the Diaconate. This hint, brief as it was, gave the initial impetus. And the idea gained public attention by two events which thrust it into the foreground.

The first event was the International Congress for Pastoral Theology in September 1956. At this Congress, Bishop Welhelm Van Bakkum, S.V.D. stated in his paper "The Liturgical Revival in the Service of the Missions," that a revival of the Diaconate as an independent office in the Church is needed. The other event was the Second Congress of the Lay Apostolate. Here Pius XII mentioned that efforts were being made for a diaconal renewal. Very significant in this brief allusion was the fact that he left the question open. For as he stated, the time was not ripe for such action.

Encouraged by such favorable atmosphere, the advocates of revival set to work more vigorously in spreading their idea. The results of these efforts were heard on the Council floor at the second session. There prelates in favor

of a revival made proposals and gave reasons. Addressing the assembly of Council Fathers, Bishop George Kemmerer of South America, speaking on behalf of 20 Bishops of Argentina said: "The restoration of the diaconate is our great hope, and it is the hope of many bishops in Latin America that you, Venerable Fathers, do not deprive us of this hope when it comes up for a vote."

The surprising thing about the diaconate is the fact that it is not just a step on the way to the priesthood. It is an independent state in the Church's hierarchy and as such belongs to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons by their reception of orders do share in the sacred office of governing the Church. In the 6th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the disciples looked about for "seven men of good testimony, filled with the Holy Spirit, and wisdom," to take care of daily affairs, and "these they brought to the apostles, who praying, imposed hands upon them."

The deacon's duty then is one of service. He must be in the midst of his brethren as one who serves. Like his divine Master he will stoop in humility to wash the feet of his brethren, i.e. to minister to their needs. Imbued with the spirit of Christ, he will go about doing good. With constant vigilance he must watch over the flock, taking care of its spiritual and temporal needs. Summed up his duty is to bring God's love to men.

Characteristic too of a revival of the diaconate is the fact that deacons may be allowed to marry. Because "the laws of God and the Church relating

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to marriage often are a hardship," said the Rev. Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., "perhaps if some of those in holy orders, that is ordained deacons, were to give an example in their own lives, it would contribute to establishing a better understanding between the clergy and the laity in this complex and vexed problem." Married deacons, living in the midst of their community, might possibly be more effective in bringing the Church's teaching on marriage home to many couples.

Many factors call for a revival of the diaconate. One of the factors no doubt is the shortage of priests. The call is especially urgent in missionary countries. Pius XII himself was aware of the problem. He foresaw that with the course of time the problem would increase. A permanent diaconate would answer a general need in the Church today.

Even where the Church is well established, the number of priests is often unequal to the work expected of them. In Latin America for example, where "theoretically there is nearly one priest for every 6,000 souls, actually nearly every diocese has many parishes with a single priest caring for 10,000 and 20,000, and even 30,000 souls." Examples of this kind could be multiplied in other areas.

Shall we leave these people without spiritual care and shall we look unmoved while they step by step lose contact with the Church and their faith. It is in places like Latin America and Africa that qualified laymen, chosen from their community and ordained deacons, would be of inestimable value in the care of souls.

The situation today, with a shortage of priests, calls to mind a similar situation as it is related in the Acts of the Apostles, though in our day the demand is much greater. "Now in those days, as the number of the disciples was increasing, the Greek-speaking Jews began to murmur against those that spoke Hebrew to the effect that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of Alms. So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, 'It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.'" Shall priests continue to be overburdened when there are many young men, who by ordination to the diaconate, can assist the priest in his ministerial duties.

Although many would not agree to a revival of the diaconate, whatever the reasons, let all be tolerant. Let the door be left open. The intervention of Bishop Kemerer of Argentina on the Council floor may well serve as a conclusion: "The restoration of the diaconate is our hope, and it is the wish of many bishops of Latin America that you, Venerable Fathers, do not deprive us of this hope when the matter comes up for a vote. The door is already open, and if among you there are some who do not wish to enter, we shall not force you to enter. But we graciously beg you not to close the door on us, because we do want to enter. Allow us to do so! Thank you." ■

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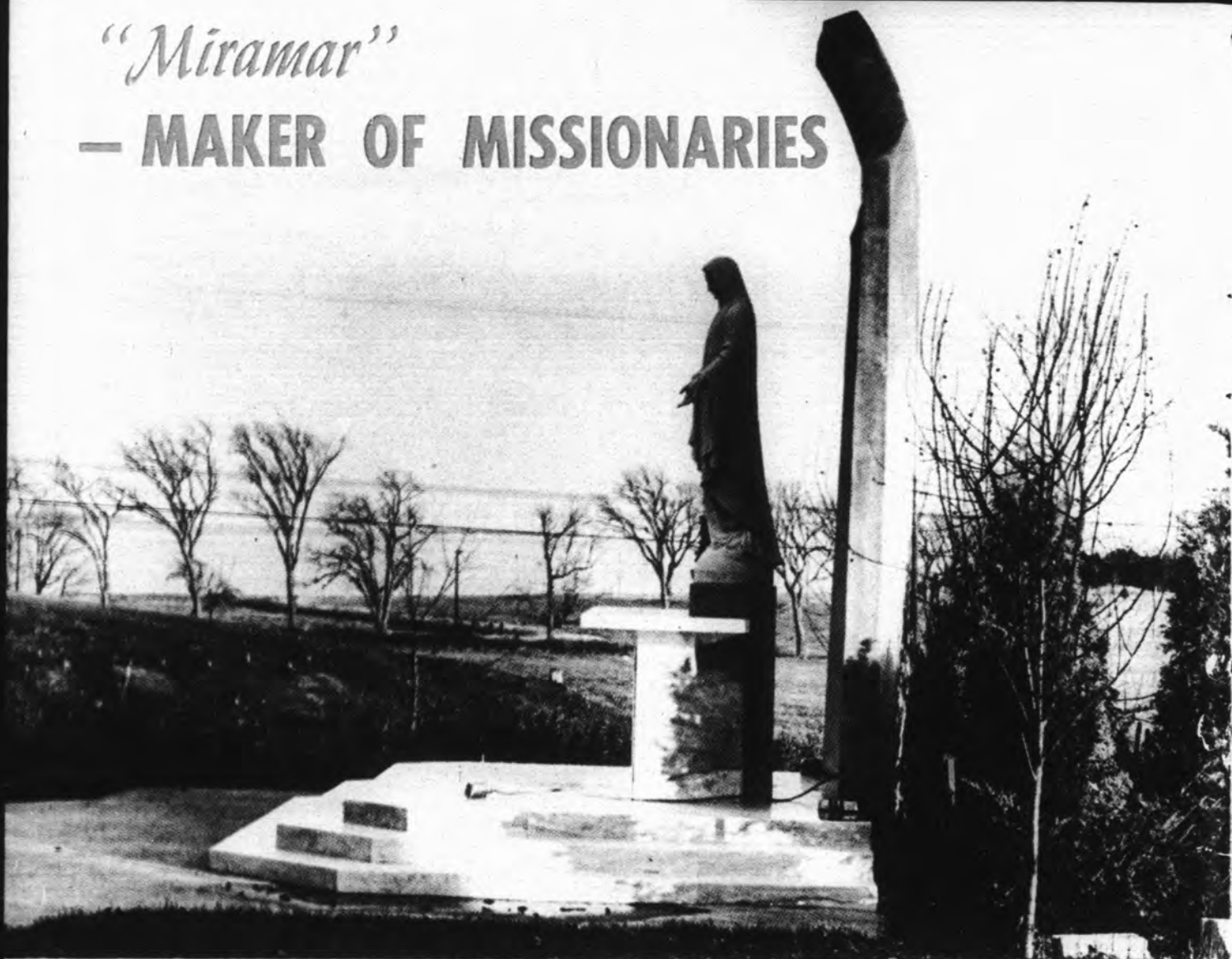


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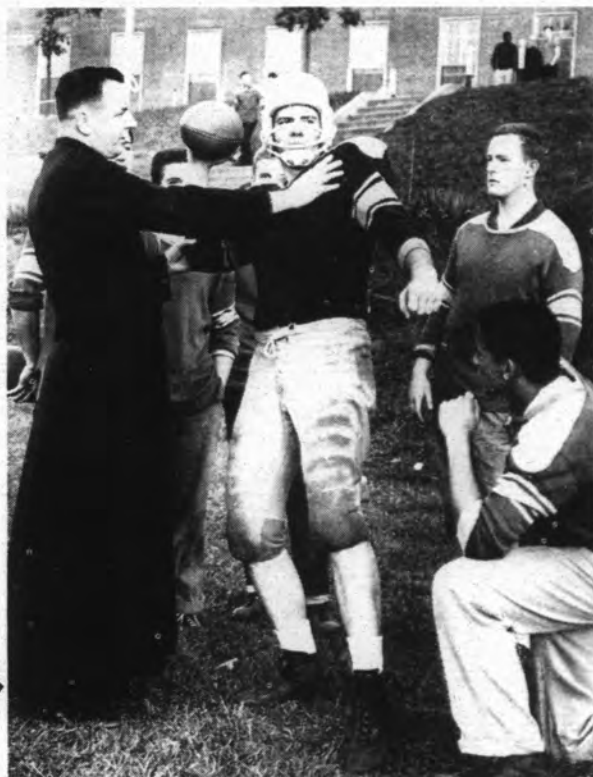


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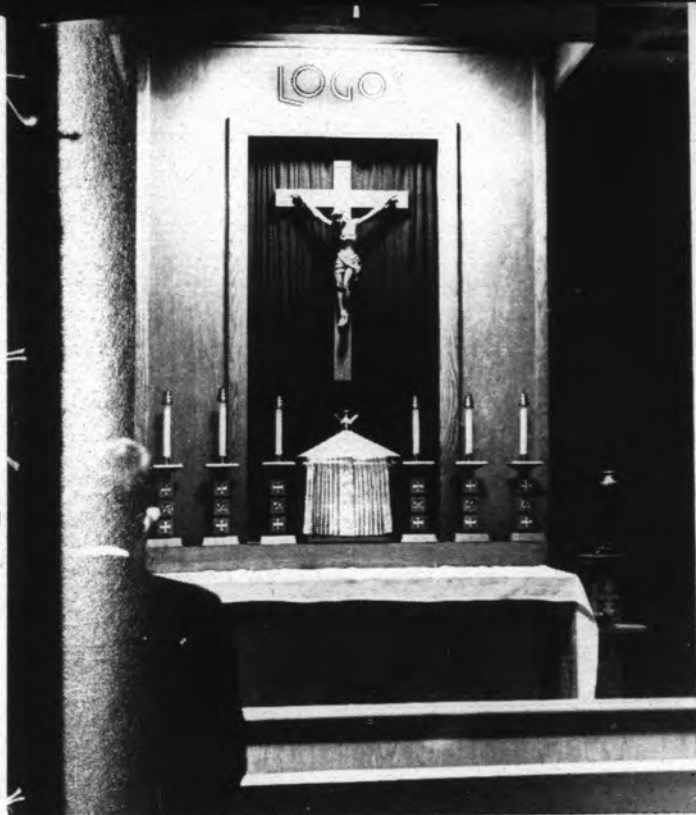
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The President of the United States presented to the 88th Congress the now historic message on Civil Rights, on June 19, 1963. The bill has been scandalously bottled up in committee for many months. Both proponents and opponents know the importance of this legislation. Where basic human rights are being violated, the situation must be remedied at once. The Civil Rights Bill is sound and good. The significant provisions of the Act are presented here for your information and study.

WHAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL CONTAINS

The "Civil Rights Act now before Congress" contains eight titles relating to voting rights, public accommodations, school desegregation, Community Relations Service, Civil Rights Commission, non-discrimination in Federal programs, Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and miscellaneous provisions.

TITLE I — Voting Rights

The first title relates to voting rights. It repeats, without substantial change, the Administration's voting bill sent to Congress in February of last year. It would:

- (1) Prohibit the application of any standard, practice procedure in determining qualifications to vote in any Federal election different from those applied to individuals similarly situated who have been found qualified to vote by State officials.
- (2) Prohibit denial of the right to vote in Federal elections because of immaterial errors or omis-



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sions in registration applications or other acts requisite to voting.

- (3) Require literacy tests given in connection with registration to vote in Federal elections to be in writing or transcribed.
- (4) Establish sixth-grade education as a presumption of literacy in connection with any test given to qualify to vote in a Federal election.
- (5) Amend the 1960 Civil Rights Act to provide that, when less than 15 per cent of potential colored voters are registered in the area, the court shall issue orders entitling qualified Negro applicants to vote and may appoint temporary referees to take applications for registration pursuant to its order.
- (6) Provide for expeditious handling of voting cases in which the United States is plaintiff.

TITLE II — Public Accommodations

This is the most important title in the Administration bill. It would estab-

lish the right to service free from discrimination in places of public accommodation and business establishments. Included would be (a) any hotel, motel, or other public place furnishing lodging to transient guests from other states or traveling in interstate commerce, (b) any motion picture house, theater, sports arena, stadium, exhibition hall or other public place of amusement customarily presenting entertainment which moves in interstate commerce, (c) any retail shop, department store, market, drug-store, gasoline station, restaurant, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other public eating places, if goods and services are provided substantially to interstate travelers, or goods held out to the public have moved in interstate commerce, or the activities or operations substantially effect interstate commerce.

President Kennedy acted decisively in meeting the problem of discrimination in places of public accommodation and this provision is certainly the most significant provision of the Administration's civil rights package. By the same token, it will inevitably engender the most opposition in Congress and the most efforts to compromise it.

One such compromise proposal is already being discussed — namely, a limitation on the size of the establishment covered by the provision. It is true that a small rooming house in which the owner resides, the so-called "Mrs. Murphy rooming-house", retains many of the characteristics of a home and there may be some reason for protecting the right of privacy of the home-owner. But there is no privacy in a store or restaurant or entertainment facility open to the public and, all such facilities, large or small, should be covered by the bill.

Even more dangerous — far more dangerous — is the compromise being suggested in some quarters to take the enforcement provisions out of the bill

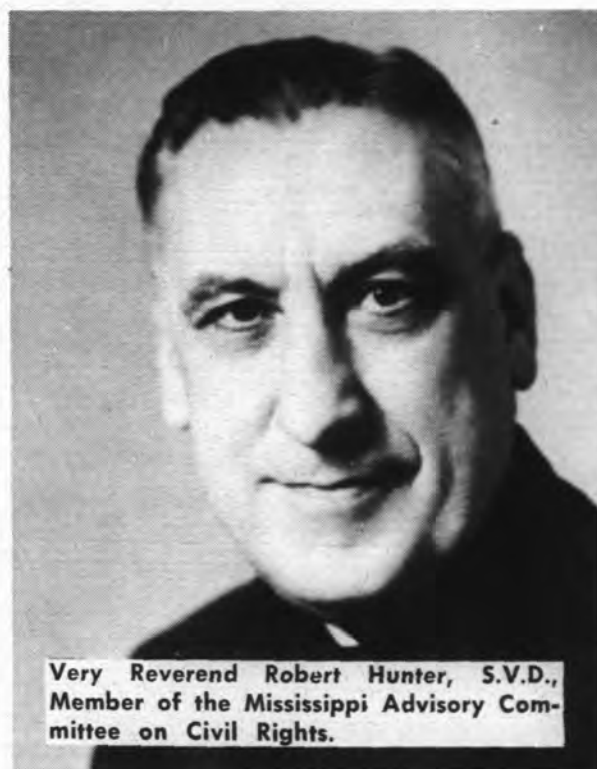
and leave it as entirely voluntary through conciliation. But conciliation is only valuable if there is ultimate enforcement behind it and anything that deprives the Administration package of an enforceable public accommodations title would be a tragic defeat for civil rights. What happens on the effort to take the enforcement provisions out of the public accommodations title will be a measure of success or failure for the Administration's bill.

TITLE III — School Desegregation

Under this title, technical assistance, grants and loans would be made available to school boards to meet problems arising out of school desegregation of the adjustment of racial imbalance in schools.

The more important part of this title authorized the Attorney General to institute civil actions for school desegregation upon receipt of complaints and a determination that the complainants are unable to institute legal proceedings.

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Interview

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Reverend Eugenio Lákatos, Divine Word Missionary, was born in Hungary near the city of Pressburg in 1919. He began his studies with the Divine Word Fathers in the city of Nitra, Hungary, in 1935. Here he made his high school studies, novitiate and philosophy. After the war Fr. Lákatos began his theological studies in Rome under the Benedictine faculty at the college of San Anselmo. One of his professors was Father Athanasio Miller, O.S.B. Until 1963, Father Miller was secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. After earning his licentiate in theology, Father Lákatos was assigned as a teacher to the regional seminary at Catamarca, the capital city of the province of Catamarca in northwest Argentina. In 1932 the Holy See placed the Seminary in the care of the Divine Word Missionaries, and there are eleven on the Seminary faculty. Philosophers and theologians from five dioceses of Argentina are represented at the regional seminary. The dioceses are: Jujuy, Salta, Tucuman, Santiago del Estero and Catamarca. The combined student body numbers approximately sixty students. Father Lákatos taught Holy Scripture, Greek, Latin, and Hebrew at Catamarca for ten years. In 1962 he was transferred to Columbia.

Q. Father Lákatos, where does the study of Holy Scripture belong in the Christian life?

A. Holy Scripture is the source of Christian life and therefore we must know the ideas enclosed in Holy Scripture in order to live the Christian life intensely. Much of our Christian conviction should come from our deeper knowledge of Holy Scripture.



Fr. Lákatos, S.V.D., and Fr. Meinrad Tegeler, S.V.D. (left), Seminary professors, La Ceja, Colombia.

For this reason the Biblical Movement in the parish is very important. There must be a methodical study of Holy Scripture in small groups or cells. The leaders of the parish must first be trained. Last year in Medellin, a city of central Columbia, such a course was started for the leaders of the Biblical Movement. These leaders later on will conduct group discussions patterned on the cell teaching technique of the Communists. These smaller groups will meet for one hour each week.

Q. What has been your role in fostering the Biblical Movement in Argentina?

A. Besides organizing the Biblical Movement in Catamarca, which has spread to Cordoba, to Santa Fe and to Buenos Aires, I was instrumental in organizing the Argentina Society of Professors of Holy Scripture known popularly as SAPSE. The official organ of the Society is REVISTA BIBLICA.

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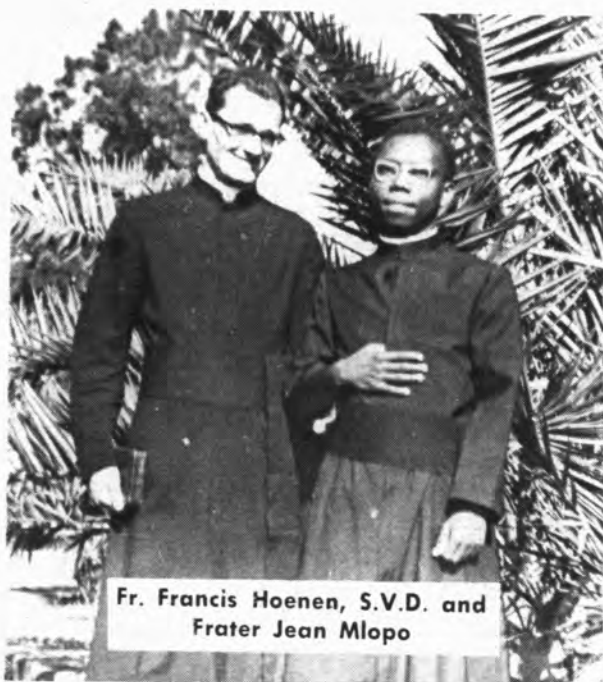
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Interview

With Biblical Movement Leader, Father Eugenio Lákatos, S. V. D.

Reverend Eugenio Lákatos, Divine Word Missionary, was born in Hungary near the city of Pressburg in 1919. He began his studies with the Divine Word Fathers in the city of Nitra, Hungary, in 1935. Here he made his high school studies, novitiate and philosophy. After the war Fr. Lákatos began his theological studies in Rome under the Benedictine faculty at the college of San Anselmo. One of his professors was Father Athanasio Miller, O.S.B. Until 1963, Father Miller was secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. After earning his licentiate in theology, Father Lákatos was assigned as a teacher to the regional seminary at Catamarca, the capital city of the province of Catamarca in northwest Argentina. In 1932 the Holy See placed the Seminary in the care of the Divine Word Missionaries, and there are eleven on the Seminary faculty. Philosophers and theologians from five dioceses of Argentina are represented at the regional seminary. The dioceses are: Jujuy, Salta, Tucuman, Santiago del Estero and Catamarca. The combined student body numbers approximately sixty students. Father Lákatos taught Holy Scripture, Greek, Latin, and Hebrew at Catamarca for ten years. In 1962 he was transferred to Columbia.

Q. Father Lákatos, where does the study of Holy Scripture belong in the Christian life?

A. Holy Scripture is the source of Christian life and therefore we must know the ideas enclosed in Holy Scripture in order to live the Christian life intensely. Much of our Christian conviction should come from our deeper knowledge of Holy Scripture.



Fr. Lákatos, S.V.D., and Fr. Meinrad Tegeler, S.V.D. (left), Seminary professors, La Ceja, Colombia.

For this reason the Biblical Movement in the parish is very important. There must be a methodical study of Holy Scripture in small groups or cells. The leaders of the parish must first be trained. Last year in Medellin, a city of central Columbia, such a course was started for the leaders of the Biblical Movement. These leaders later on will conduct group discussions patterned on the cell teaching technique of the Communists. These smaller groups will meet for one hour each week.

Q. What has been your role in fostering the Biblical Movement in Argentina?

A. Besides organizing the Biblical Movement in Catamarca, which has spread to Cordoba, to Santa Fe and to Buenos Aires, I was instrumental in organizing the Argentina Society of Professors of Holy Scripture known popularly as SAPSE. The official organ of the Society is REVISTA BIBLICA.

Q. On your return to Columbia what will be your assignment?

A. I will continue to teach in a seminary for belated vocations at La



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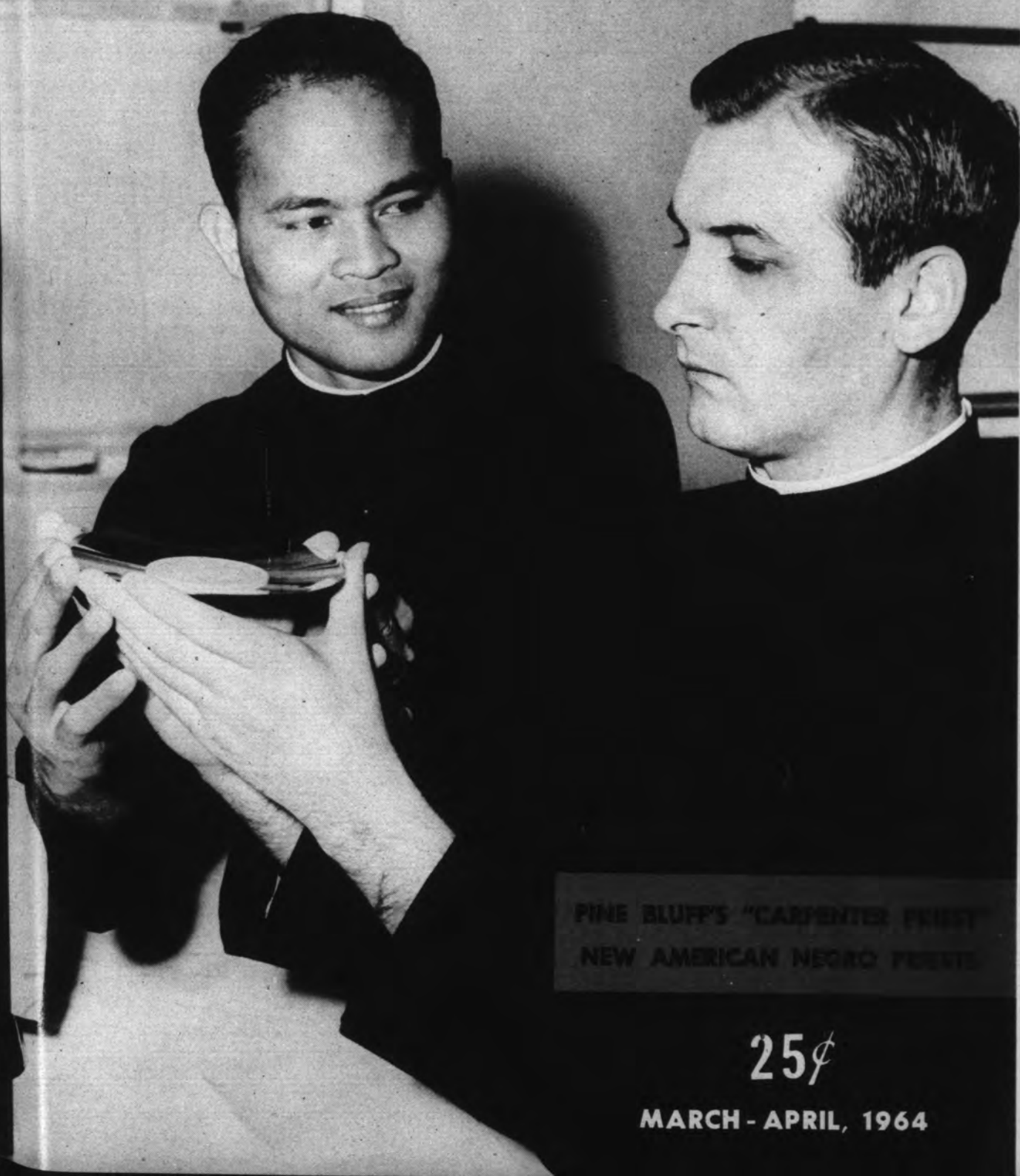
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There are those who contend that our whole present system of forming future priests must be thoroughly changed. Others take a more moderate position, saying that only certain aspects of the training program need be updated. Articles have been written in Catholic periodicals stressing the need of a new approach. They contend that our seminarians are living in and being trained for a world that is very different from the actual conditions in which they will carry out their Apostolate. Whatever be the opinions regarding our present system of training future priests, the reevaluation is inevitable.

There are, however, a few points to keep in mind when considering possible changes in our training program. First, updating of seminary systems does not necessarily mean the complete overthrow of what is already in existence. The seminaries have and still produce many holy and zealous priests who do much to further The Apostolate of Christ. It would be a mistake, therefore, to condemn the present system outright. Secondly, it is to be kept in mind that a renewal or updating of seminary training cannot be the same for all countries, nor will it necessarily be approached in the same way for Religious Congregations as for Diocesan Seminaries. General principles can be drawn up and proposed. But their application must be adapted to the needs of particular countries, or the needs of a particular Diocese or Religious Congregation.

A few general principles proposed for consideration in training seminarians for the priesthood were presented by Father Eugene Kennedy, M.M., Ph.D., at a lecture given at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

for faculty members of surrounding seminaries. Father Kennedy spoke on the topic, "Emotional Development of Seminarians".

He proposed as a first principle his notion of an emotionally mature person. The emotionally mature person is the one who knows how to love. The process of maturing is the transition from the state of being loved, cared for, to that of loving and caring. This, said Father Kennedy, is the genius of the Apostolate. This is what we must develop in our seminarians.

Knowing how to love is to cultivate a deeply interpersonal relationship with those among whom we will work as priests. Admittedly this will involve a certain risk, but this risk must be taken, for it is only through loving others as persons that we will reach them and ultimately bring them to Christ. Thus, the commitment of the priest is to love. He must contact others person to person.

Certain requisites must be fulfilled in the seminary itself to bring about this desired emotional maturity. First of all, the seminarian must meet in his Superiors and Professors mature adults, who already have this ability to love, who are sincere and understanding. They must see in those forming them real persons, dealing with real persons.

Secondly, the atmosphere of the seminary must be made as normal and as natural as possible. Conditions must resemble as closely as possible the natural conditions of the world, without endangering the unworldly spirit that must at the same time exist in the seminary. A healthy, normal atmosphere will produce healthy and normal priests, who will be persons and who will be able to face the competition of the world without feeling out of place, without having to make an about-face in their adaptation to it.

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The self-examination of the Church is taking on an ever-broadening scope. An issue of current interest and up for consideration by the Vatican Council is the training of our seminarians, the future priests. Are these young men being formed to meet the demands of a modern world?

There are those who contend that our whole present system of forming future priests must be thoroughly changed. Others take a more moderate position, saying that only certain aspects of the training program need be updated. Articles have been written in Catholic periodicals stressing the need of a new approach. They contend that our seminarians are living in and being trained for a world that is very different from the actual conditions in which they will carry out their Apostolate. Whatever be the opinions regarding our present system of training future priests, the reevaluation is inevitable.

There are, however, a few points to keep in mind when considering possible changes in our training program. First, updating of seminary systems does not necessarily mean the complete overthrow of what is already in existence. The seminaries have and still produce many holy and zealous priests who do much to further The Apostolate of Christ. It would be a mistake, therefore, to condemn the present system outright. Secondly, it is to be kept in mind that a renewal or updating of seminary training cannot be the same for all countries, nor will it necessarily be approached in the same way for Religious Congregations as for Diocesan Seminaries. General principles can be drawn up and proposed. But their application must be adapted to the needs of particular countries, or the needs of a particular Diocese or Religious Congregation.

A few general principles proposed for consideration in training seminarians for the priesthood were presented by Father Eugene Kennedy, M.M., Ph.D., at a lecture given at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

for faculty members of surrounding seminaries. Father Kennedy spoke on the topic, "Emotional Development of Seminarians".

He proposed as a first principle his notion of an emotionally mature person. The emotionally mature person is the one who knows how to love. The process of maturing is the transition from the state of being loved, cared for, to that of loving and caring. This, said Father Kennedy, is the genius of the Apostolate. This is what we must develop in our seminarians.

Knowing how to love is to cultivate a deeply interpersonal relationship with those among whom we will work as priests. Admittedly this will involve a certain risk, but this risk must be taken, for it is only through loving others as persons that we will reach them and ultimately bring them to Christ. Thus, the commitment of the priest is to love. He must contact others person to person.

Certain requisites must be fulfilled in the seminary itself to bring about this desired emotional maturity. First of all, the seminarian must meet in his Superiors and Professors mature adults, who already have this ability to love, who are sincere and understanding. They must see in those forming them real persons, dealing with real persons.

Secondly, the atmosphere of the seminary must be made as normal and as natural as possible. Conditions must resemble as closely as possible the natural conditions of the world, without endangering the unworldly spirit that must at the same time exist in the seminary. A healthy, normal atmosphere will produce healthy and normal priests, who will be persons and who will be able to face the competition of the world without feeling out of place, without having to make an about-face in their adaptation to it.

All this must be brought about with the relation of the world as it is today. These few general ideas can do much to correct situations that are not completely ideal in our seminary programs of today. ■

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The work of the Generalate is not the only activity of wide influence that is directed from the collegio. The Divine Word News Service is another. Father Ralph Wiltgen, S.V.D., an American from Chicago, has been the prime mover and coordinator of this work. In its beginnings the Divine Word Service had as its main purpose to inform the different members throughout the world of the various activities of the Society in other sections of the world. "Arnoldus", a monthly magazine, is the organ of this work. For this reason it is printed in three languages, English, German, and Spanish. To spread news and the propaganda of the Society to non-members in order to make the Society better known, Father Wiltgen continually

publishes news-releases. These, too, are printed in a number of languages. Vatican Council II opened a new field for Father Wiltgen, and he jumped into the middle of this field. Press conferences for our bishops (26) and other bishops were set up by Father. From these press conferences came and are still coming many informative news-releases, which are then translated into many languages including Arabic. Because of the great amount of work imposed by Council II Father Wiltgen was forced to relinquish for a time the strictly Society news work, as the "Arnoldus" and bulletins on Society work. This work was handed over to Father John Boberg, S.V.D., a young American priest assigned to Rome to study Missiology.

Among notables at the collegio, probably the most noted is Father Henry Emmerich, S.V.D. Father Emmerich is the cartographer for the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith. It all started in 1958 when Pope John XXIII told the Secretary of this Congregation that it would be good if he had a world globe on which all the different dioceses of the Church were outlined. Then, said the Pontiff, when a bishop comes to make his report, he would be able to pinpoint his diocese without difficulty. The Secretary, Archbishop Sigismondi, related the remark to Father Emmerich, and Father got to work. The results was a globe, four feet in diameter and reaching six feet when mounted. It is illuminated from within and rotates by means of a small motor. This was the first of many globes, for they must constantly be brought up to date as new dioceses are created. Just before he died, Pope John received a new globe from Father, and the first one was placed in our seminary at Nemi, a small town outside of Rome. Father Emmerich's work for

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One is struck by other things at the Collegio del Verbo Divino. In a collegio in Rome one would expect to find Italians. He will, but he still will be disappointed. Of the 109 Fathers, Seminarians, and Brothers who were there during my stay in Rome, 1961-1963, only seven of them were Italians. In fact, fourteen nations were represented, indicative of the world-wide



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The work of the Generalate is not the only activity of wide influence that is directed from the collegio. The Divine Word News Service is another. Father Ralph Wiltgen, S.V.D., an American from Chicago, has been the prime mover and coordinator of this work. In its beginnings the Divine Word Service had as its main purpose to inform the different members throughout the world of the various activities of the Society in other sections of the world. "Arnoldus", a monthly magazine, is the organ of this work. For this reason it is printed in three languages, English, German, and Spanish. To spread news and the propaganda of the Society to non-members in order to make the Society better known, Father Wiltgen continually

publishes news-releases. These, too, are printed in a number of languages. Vatican Council II opened a new field for Father Wiltgen, and he jumped into the middle of this field. Press conferences for our bishops (26) and other bishops were set up by Father. From these press conferences came and are still coming many informative news-releases, which are then translated into many languages including Arabic. Because of the great amount of work imposed by Council II Father Wiltgen was forced to relinquish for a time the strictly Society news work, as the "Arnoldus" and bulletins on Society work. This work was handed over to Father John Boberg, S.V.D., a young American priest assigned to Rome to study Missiology.

Among notables at the collegio, probably the most noted is Father Henry Emmerich, S.V.D. Father Emmerich is the cartographer for the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith. It all started in 1958 when Pope John XXIII told the Secretary of this Congregation that it would be good if he had a world globe on which all the different dioceses of the Church were outlined. Then, said the Pontiff, when a bishop comes to make his report, he would be able to pinpoint his diocese without difficulty. The Secretary, Archbishop Sigismondi, related the remark to Father Emmerich, and Father got to work. The results was a globe, four feet in diameter and reaching six feet when mounted. It is illuminated from within and rotates by means of a small motor. This was the first of many globes, for they must constantly be brought up to date as new dioceses are created. Just before he died, Pope John received a new globe from Father, and the first one was placed in our seminary at Nemi, a small town outside of Rome. Father Emmerich's work for

the Vatican dates back to the 1920's, and the giant maps he made for the Vatican Mission Exhibition of 1925 are still on display at the Lateran Museum in Rome.

One is struck by other things at the Collegio del Verbo Divino. In a collegio in Rome one would expect to find Italians. He will, but he still will be disappointed. Of the 109 Fathers, Seminarians, and Brothers who were there during my stay in Rome, 1961-1963, only seven of them were Italians. In fact, fourteen nations were represented, indicative of the world-wide



Left to Right: Very Rev. John Schütte, S.V.D., Superior General of the Divine Word Missionaries; Fr. Ralph Wiltgen, S.V.D., His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien of Formosa; and Fr. Nakamura Kiyoshi, S.V.D.

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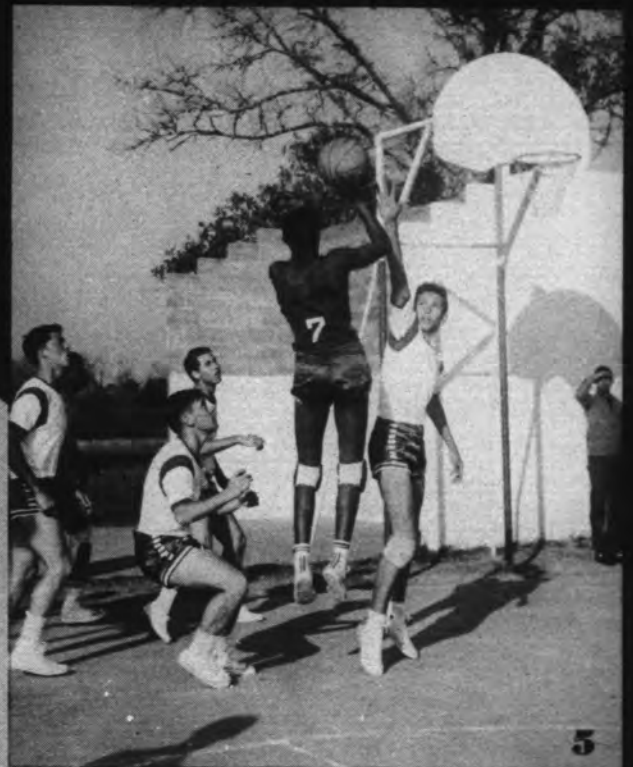
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AN URGENT CALL TO CO

by FRATER WILLIAM J. KELLEY, S.V.D.

A vocation — a call by God to serve Him, is an invitation to sanctity. This is required, however, of each and every person on earth, namely that we serve God according to our state of life. The special divine calling by God to the religious life for the young person, i.e., "Come follow Me", is indeed, the highest and greatest possible means of consecrating oneself entirely to His service. Nevertheless the call demands a commitment of generosity on the part of the young person. All too often this spirit of generosity along with the right intention and decisive will is present in the young adolescent, but he or she meets with the complexities of modern society that tend to lead him or her astray. If this were not true, when then does there still exist a tremendous deficit of priests, Brothers, and Sisters in the world? Truly, in some instances, the commitment is lacking. Father William Gibbons, speaking on the shortage of clergy in the world, said, "Looking at the world in its entirety, several things about religious commitment quickly become evident. First is that Catholicism and Christianity generally, accounts for appreciably less than one-half mankind's numbers. In a world population of 3.2 billions (1963), approximately 570 millions are baptized Catholics. This is not quite one-fifth of the total.

"In the United States there are now approximately 57,000 priests and a Catholic population of perhaps 48 millions (annually reported figures can be regarded as incomplete). This means one priest per 850 Catholics, a situation comparable to France, Italy, Spain. Even when non-Catholic population is counted in, there are but 3,200 U.S. residents per priest. Canada is better off, with one priest for each 600 Catholics and for 1,300 of total population.

"Not all dioceses in the United States are equally well served by resident priests. Thus on the East Coast,

where generally there are 800 or fewer Catholics per priest, two large and rapidly growing dioceses are quite shorthanded. One has 1,200 Catholics per priest, the other 1,650. And several extensive dioceses of the West and South have for years experienced shortages to critical degree."

To meet such a challenge of commitment for the above statements, we shall analyze briefly the hindrances often met with by a would-be generous adolescent. A good starting point is the basic unit of society itself — the family. Within the family, the germinal seed of a future vocation is found. The process of maturing this seed into a full grown vocation depends, to a great extent, upon the influence that the parents exert over the child. All too often when a boy or girl mentions to their parents the desire of serving God in the priestly life, or as a Brother or Sister, immediate opposition is present. But why is this true in case after case? Many reasons are given, such as "Johnny or Mary is too young to know what he or she wants in life; he or she doesn't know what life is all about, but in a few years they will," etc. The truth may very well be the exact opposite. They do know.

Sometimes there is a failure of effective communication between the parents and the child, or even a more deeply rooted, unintentional sense of possessiveness. They are afraid that everything they have will be lost. Lost to what? God? How can one fail to see the truth? Giving a son or daughter to the service of God is not a loss, but a gain — a gain of immeasurable depth. It is especially true because they gain a closer union with their son or daughter through the graces which God gives to them for their love for Him. The bond of love takes on a greater and a more closely knit union between parents and child as a result of their spiritual covenant. Parents also fail to see that when they conjure

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up excuses, they are actually hurting their boy or girl desiring to answer the divine call. If they really love their child, then they would whole-heartedly cooperate with God's call instead of frustrating it. Parents have the moral obligation of not hindering God's plan for their child especially when it comes to a *special call*. They must create a suitable spiritual atmosphere and a spiritual outlook for their child—a spirit of prayer, humility, self-sacrifice, obedience. This outlook must be so deeply engrained and rooted that it carries over into the school, the neighborhood, and social environment. Taking all these considerations into account which have been presented briefly, I believe that most of the important factors that influence the vocation have been touched upon, i.e., the home, education, etc. However, there still remains the all important and most important factor to be discussed—the person himself or herself. What are some of the complexities of modern society that confront the youth of today?

Pope Paul VI has aptly summed up the situation when he said the main problems are "the spirit of criticism toward all things and all people, insufferance of every moral bond and a desire for unbridled freedom." The world seems to offer more for them. Our materialistic and secularistic culture stresses materialistic pleasures and comfort which distract youth from the higher and more important things of life. They fail to see and understand that true freedom does not consist in trying to be different, but in the security of total consecration to God. Too often they have a false impression of what seminary or convent life is; much to their surprise, they find out all too soon, if they enter, that it is not dull or uninteresting as they imagined it to be. Yes, I say imagined, for that is precisely what happens. There is more imagination concerning religious life than actual understanding. They believe that they have to give up their

parents and friends, the fun of youth, etc. To combat this mistaken motion there is a need to bring out the positive side of the priesthood, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood. The positive angle has to be emphasized with a more constructive stress on the values and importance of God's call and the manner in which they respond to it. Youth must be made to see that this special call by God is to be esteemed.

On the other hand, many adolescents believe that they have been called, but somehow they are not guided by competent persons. Many youths would be answering the urgent call to commitment were they being given correct guidance concerning their call. So-called competent persons at times may even go so far as to try to persuade the potential priest, Brother or Sister to give up the idea and try another line of endeavor. A true and effective system of guidance and counselling must be there to help the youth develop clear thinking and understanding instead of clouding the circumstances concerning his or her vocation.

A vocation is a free gift of God, and one that must be cherished by those fortunate to have been called. The grace of God leads them to realize more and more the great task before them in the salvation of mankind. They realize all too well that there is a tremendous lack of laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Whenever they read statements concerning the shortage of personnel, such as given above by Father William Gibbons, they understand ever so clearly that the religious life is not fully understood and appreciated by each and every member of the Mystical Body. If there is no one to answer the call to commitment, the progress of the Church is slowed down even greater, and could even come to a stop in many places because of a shortage of dedicated people to do Christ's work on earth. The need is, indeed, vital. Pray that the Lord of The Harvest will send more laborers into His fields ready to harvest. ■

"The Light of the World"



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Father Seamus Langan, S.V.D., was born in Galway, Ireland, where he attended St. Mary's College. He entered the Novitiate of the Society of the Divine Word at Donamon, Roscommon, Ireland in 1956, where he spent two years of novitiate training, and one year of Philosophy. Another year of Philosophy was taken at University College, Dublin. Father Langan came to the Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss., in 1960 and there pursued four years of Theological studies. His ordination is set for June 11, 1964, in Roscommon and Most Reverend Bishop Hanley, Bishop of Elphin, Ireland is the ordaining prelate. The young priest will offer his first Mass in his home town June 12, 1964. He has been assigned to the Region of Australia for missionary work.

Father Franz Laug, S.V.D.

Father Franz Laug, S.V.D., age 27, who will be ordained on June 28, 1964, at St. John's Minor Seminary, Bloenried, Germany, comes from Urfloffen, in the Diocese of Freiburg, Germany. He joined the Divine Word Missionaries in 1950 at St. Wendel's Minor Seminary where he graduated from the German Gymnasium in 1957. After two years of Novitiate and Philosophy in St. Gabriel's near Vienna, Austria, he came to the United States to finish his Theological studies at the Divine Word Seminary, Bay

St. Louis, Miss. Father Laug has received his assignment for missionary work on the Island Flores, Indonesia.

Father Eugen Reinhardt, S.V.D.

Father Reinhardt was born in Strassburg in 1935. In 1937 his father was deported by the Russians and died in a concentration camp in Russia in 1944. Father Reinhardt entered the Society of the Divine Word at St. Johann, Blonried, Germany in 1948. He continued his studies at St. Wendel's Gymnasium in the beautiful Saarland where he graduated in 1957. He studied Philosophy at St. Gabriel's, Vienna, Austria for two years, and then pursued the study of Theology for one year at St. Augustine's Seminary near Bonn, Germany. The young cleric came to the Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss. to complete the remaining three years of his Theological studies. He will be ordained in Germany June 28, 1964. His assignment for the immediate future is the Region of Abra in the Philippines.

Father Lawrence Silver, S.V.D.

Father Silver was born in Paxton, Nebraska. He spent the early years of his youth in several different places, one of which was Independence, Missouri during the presidential administration of Harry S. Truman.

The Divine Word Seminary of East Troy, Wisconsin accepted him as a Freshman September 1950. His Novitiate and Junior College courses were

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spent in Divine Word Seminaries at St. Mary's, Techny, Ill., and St. Michael's, Conesus, N.Y., respectively. After completing Philosophy in Techny, Father Silver volunteered to study Theology at the Seminary in Bay St. Louis where he will be ordained March 30, 1964, by Most Reverend Joseph Brunini, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Natchez-Jackson. He will offer a High Mass in Harrisonville, Mo. at our Lady of Lourdes Church (his present home parish) April fifth, and his First Solemn High Mass will be sung at St. Luke's Church, Sherburn, Minnesota, June twenty-first. Father Silver has been assigned to the missions in Argentina.

Father Silver has one Sister and four Brothers, two of whom are Missionary Brothers of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Father Byron La Salle, S.V.D.

Father Byron La Salle, S.V.D., of Saint Martinville, Louisiana, is the first priest to be ordained from Notre Dame School which is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word and staffed by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. He entered the Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi in 1950. His Novitiate was made at Techny, Illinois. Most Reverend Joseph Brunini, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, will ordain Father La Salle March thirtieth. His First Solemn Mass will be sung at Notre Dame Church, St.

Martinville, April fifth. Father La Salle has two Brothers and two Sisters. He is the second oldest among them. He has been assigned to work in the Southern Province of the Divine Word Missionaries. His musical ability and his facility in mastering languages will prove to be invaluable assets in his missionary endeavors.

Father Michael Moody, S.V.D.

Father Michael Moody, S.V.D., will be ordained March 30, 1964. The young cleric is from St. Peter Claver's Parish in Mobile, Alabama, which is conducted by the Josephite Missionaries. He is the first priest to be ordained from the parish in its 52 years of existence. He is also the first Divine Word Missionary ordained from the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese. He attended St. Peter Claver School which was first staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Ghost and later by the Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kungunda. After graduating from the Divine Word Minor Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Father Moody made his novitiate and professed his first vows at Techny, Ill.

When the young priest sings his first Solemn Mass at St. Peter Claver's Church, Reverend James V. Clarke, S.S.J., who taught him to serve Mass, will be subdeacon for the occasion. Father Moody has been assigned to work in the Southern Province of the Divine Word Missionaries.

AMERICAN NEGRO PRIESTS for 1964

This issue of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER includes short biographical accounts of eight new American Negro priests. All will have been ordained by early June. The biographical sketches of Fathers La Salle and Moody are to be found on page 53 of this issue. We hope to complete our annual listing next edition. At least one photograph has been unavoidably delayed. We continue this feature of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER because we think it is a positive and inspiring service to our readers.

Father Renat John Holmes, O.S.B.

Father Renat John Holmes, O.S.B., of Concord, North Carolina, is a convert to Catholicism. Baptized in Greensboro, N. C., in 1948, he met an Olivetan Benedictine monk, Father J. Brennan, in 1949, who aroused Father Renat's interest in the ancient order. Father Renat went to Europe in 1950 to make the Holy Year Pilgrimage and visited Father Brennan, who had meanwhile returned to England. He asked to be admitted to the Olivetan Community and was sent to the Maggiore Abbey located in Monte Oliveto, Italy, for his novitiate, following which he made his simple and solemn profession for the Olivetan Benedictine Community. On the death of his father, due to an automobile accident, Father Renat returned to the States. In August of 1957 he was admitted to the Weston Benedictine Priory in Vermont, where he renewed his solemn vows for the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion in the Holy Land, of which the Weston Priory is a dependent community. Father Holmes did his philosophical studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in 1954 and 1955, and his theological studies at St. Benoit-du-Lac Abbey in Quebec, Canada from 1960 to 1963. He was ordained by the Most Reverend Robert F. Joyce, Bishop of Burlington, at the Weston Priory on August 3, 1963. Along with two other Benedictines, Father Renat is stationed at the Tabgha Monastery on Lake Galilee, a branch priory of the Benedictine Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion. His arrival was noted because of his pastoral potential among Israel's many African Catholic students.

Father De Porres Williams, O.F.M.

Father DePorres Williams, O.F.M., was ordained January 19, 1964 at St. Joseph's Seminary in Teutopolis, Illinois, with the Most Reverend Henry Ambrose Pinger, O.F.M. as ordaining prelate. Father DePorres celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in his home parish, Holy Angels in Chicago. He has been assigned to the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart (the St. Louis-Chicago Province). Father DePorres is a convert and has one older sister.

Father Overton James Jones

On May 16th the Rev. Overton James Jones will be ordained by the Most Rev. Celestine J. Damiano, Archbishop-Bishop of Camden, in Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Camden, New Jersey. Father Jones will sing his first Solemn Mass in his parish church in New Orleans, St. Katherine, on May 17th. St. Katherine church was dedicated May 19, 1895, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Janssens. Formerly St. Joseph Church, Archbishop Janssens made extensive renovations in the church, and changed its name to St. Katherine (after Mother Katherine Drexel, who generously donated money for this project). St. Katherine was the first church for Negroes in South Louisiana. Father Jones is the first priest from the historical parish. The fifth of seven children, Father Jones began his studies for the priesthood with the Divine Word Missionaries. He completed his last three years of theology in Albany, N. Y., at the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels. After ordination, he will be assigned to work



Father Holmes, O.S.B.



Father DePorres, O.F.M.



Father Jones



Father Harrison,
O.F.M.Cap.



Father Moore



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AMERICAN NEGRO PRIESTS for 1964

This issue of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER includes short biographical accounts of eight new American Negro priests. All will have been ordained by early June. The biographical sketches of Fathers La Salle and Moody are to be found on page 53 of this issue. We hope to complete our annual listing next edition. At least one photograph has been unavoidably delayed. We continue this feature of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER because we think it is a positive and inspiring service to our readers.

Father Renat John Holmes, O.S.B.

Father Renat John Holmes, O.S.B., of Concord, North Carolina, is a convert to Catholicism. Baptized in Greensboro, N. C., in 1948, he met an Olivetan Benedictine monk, Father J. Brennan, in 1949, who aroused Father Renat's interest in the ancient order. Father Renat went to Europe in 1950 to make the Holy Year Pilgrimage and visited Father Brennan, who had meanwhile returned to England. He asked to be admitted to the Olivetan Community and was sent to the Maggiore Abbey located in Monte Oliveto, Italy, for his novitiate, following which he made his simple and solemn profession for the Olivetan Benedictine Community. On the death of his father, due to an automobile accident, Father Renat returned to the States. In August of 1957 he was admitted to the Weston Benedictine Priory in Vermont, where he renewed his solemn vows for the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion in the Holy Land, of which the Weston Priory is a dependent community. Father Holmes did his philosophical studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in 1954 and 1955, and his theological studies at St. Benoit-du-Lac Abbey in Quebec, Canada from 1960 to 1963. He was ordained by the Most Reverend Robert F. Joyce, Bishop of Burlington, at the Weston Priory on August 3, 1963. Along with two other Benedictines, Father Renat is stationed at the Tabgha Monastery on Lake Galilee, a branch priory of the Benedictine Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion. His arrival was noted because of his pastoral potential among Israel's many African Catholic students.

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Father Overton James Jones

On May 16th the Rev. Overton James Jones will be ordained by the Most Rev. Celestine J. Damiano, Archbishop-Bishop of Camden, in Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Camden, New Jersey. Father Jones will sing his first Solemn Mass in his parish church in New Orleans, St. Katherine, on May 17th. St. Katherine church was dedicated May 19, 1895, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Janssens. Formerly St. Joseph Church, Archbishop Janssens made extensive renovations in the church, and changed its name to St. Katherine (after Mother Katherine Drexel, who generously donated money for this project). St. Katherine was the first church for Negroes in South Louisiana. Father Jones is the first priest from the historical parish. The fifth of seven children, Father Jones began his studies for the priesthood with the Divine Word Missionaries. He completed his last three years of theology in Albany, N. Y., at the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels. After ordination, he will be assigned to work



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Father John Dauphine, S.V.D.

Born in New Iberia, Louisiana in 1910, Father Dauphine and his parents moved to Port Arthur, Texas. Here he attended elementary school at Sacred Heart Parish. In September, 1925, he entered the Divine Word Seminary at Bay Saint Louis, Miss., to begin studies for the priesthood. He made his novitiate at East Troy, Wisconsin, and returned to Bay Saint Louis to complete his philosophy and theology. Missioned to Ghana, then known as the Gold Coast in West Africa, Father Dauphine worked abroad for sixteen years. On return to the States, his first parish assignment was as first assistant at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lafayette, La., in 1956. Father Dauphine was appointed pastor of St. Benedict the Moor parish in Duson, Louisiana in August, 1960.

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Jackson, Miss.

Father Anthony Bourges, S.V.D., totaled close to 50 converts in 1963. His contagious smile shared here by Father Visitor Pung, S.V.D., is a big asset.



Elton, La.

Father Andrew Masters, S.V.D., having been hospitalized following a car accident several months ago, is now in the process of building a new bell tower.



Waco, Texas

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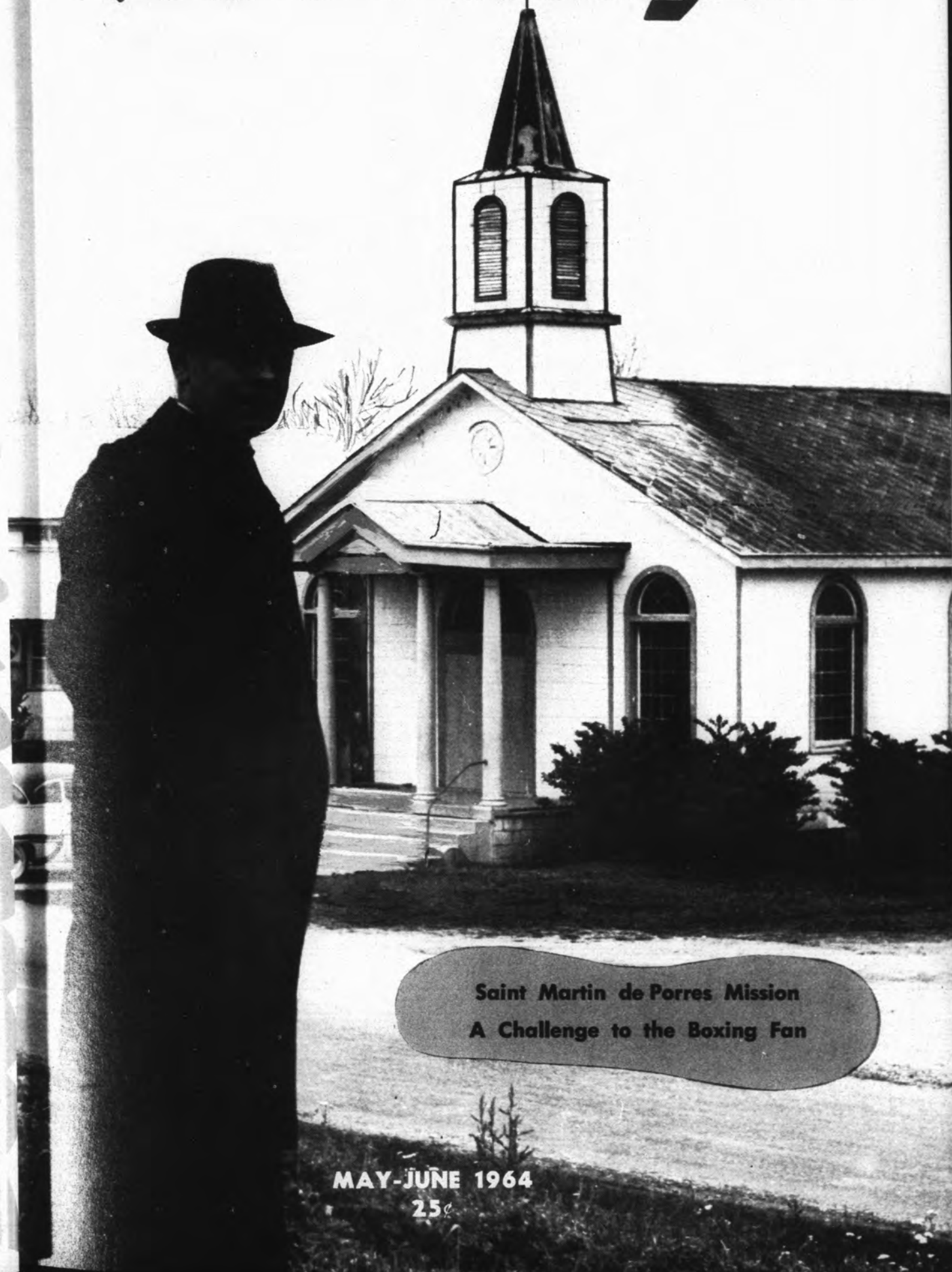
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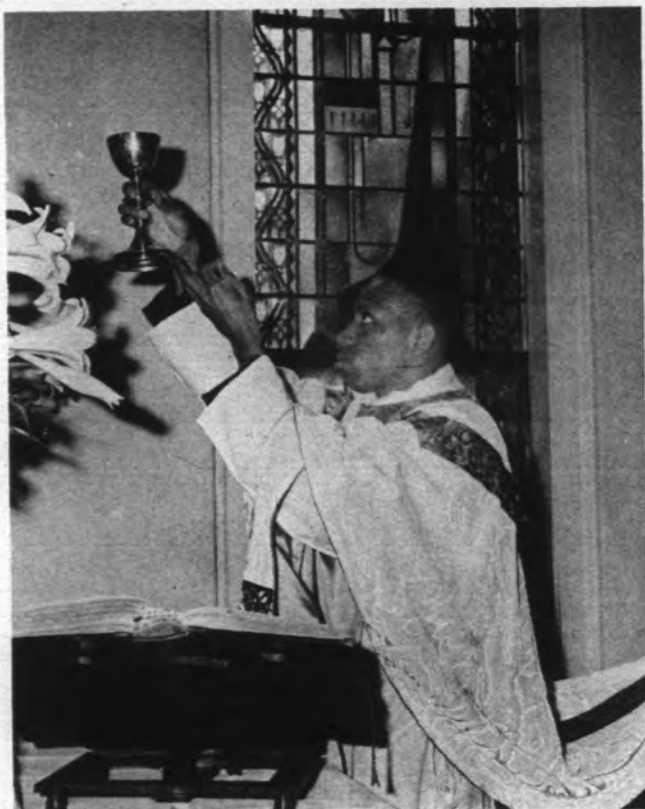


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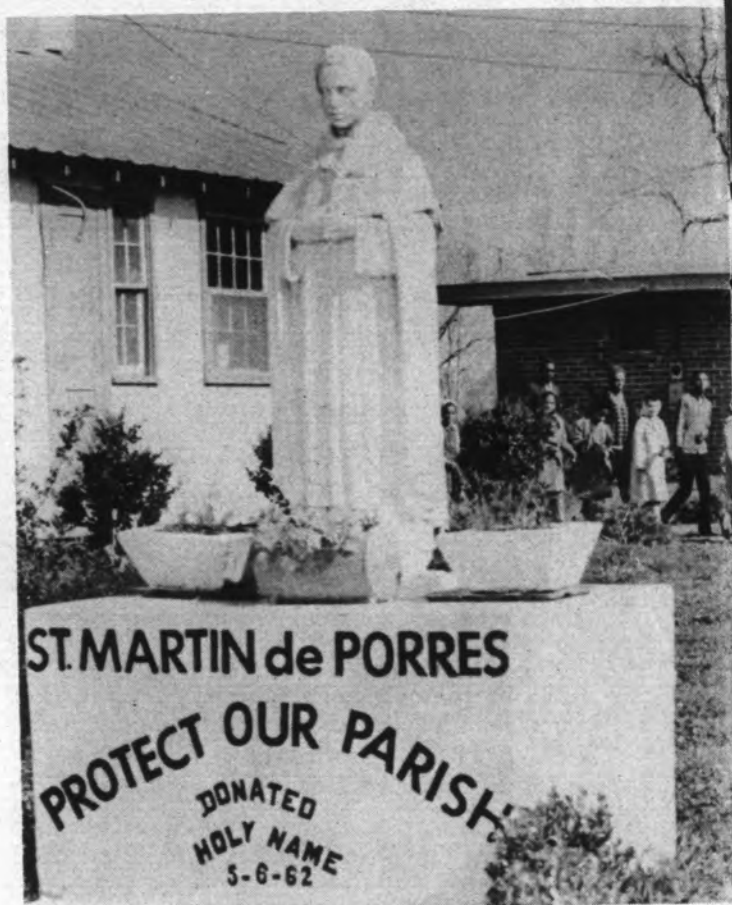
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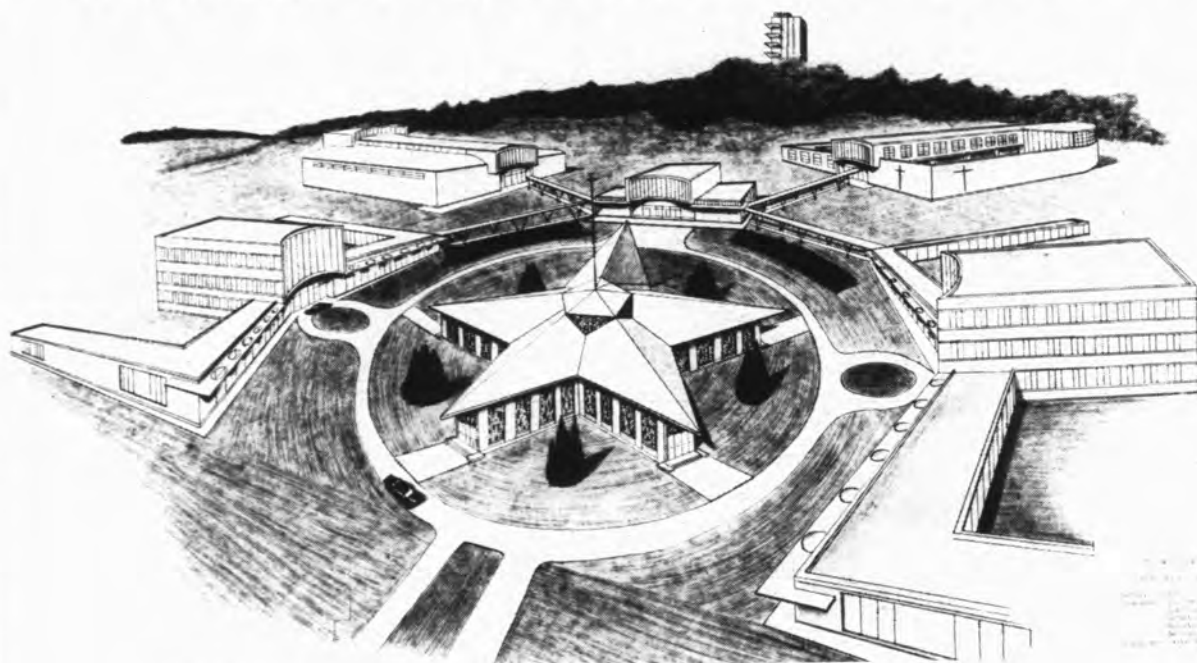


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which the Old Testament was written it was commonly believed, for instance, that the earth was flat, that the sky was a sort of inverted, solid bowl above the earth, that there were waters above this solid sky (called the "firmament") which were the source of rain (that clouds are formed by evaporation of water was for them too complicated a knowledge), and that there was water under the earth which accounts for the springs. This primitive, pre-scientific notion of the universe was common to practically all the peoples of the earth. It was based, of course, simply on appearances. When the Bible describes the earth in this fashion, it does not teach it, because the Bible does not teach science. What the Bible teaches is that God has created everything. The question of inerrancy of Scripture is closely bound up with that of the meaning of Scripture, that is with that about which the inspired author intended to express judgment of his mind. The inerrancy that is guaranteed to scripture does not extend to everything that the Bible can be made to say, but only to what the inspired author did in fact mean by what he said. Interpreting the Scripture goes therefore hand in hand with ascertaining its infallibly true sense.

This brings us up to the *literary forms* of the Bible. Literary forms are simply the accepted ways of writing (and speaking) that are found in any given age, country, and society. We all agree that poetry uses a freer language than prose. If, for instance, a mountain is pictured as "leaping with joy," nobody will take it literally. These two forms are easily understood since we use them nowadays too. But there are other modes of writing in the Bible which are no longer employed today. Thus we must know what the inspired author wanted to say with a given literary form. We must distinguish between the idea of what the author wanted to convey and the form he used to express his idea.

The former we have to take literally, the latter we have to consider carefully.

If, for instance, the author of the book of Genesis wanted to say that man is "a rational animal" as we would say with our philosophical background, he would have found little understanding. Thus he depicted man as a "breathing dust": Man was made from clay and God was breathing the soul into him. This was only an adaptation to the understanding of the people at that time which the author did not want to teach. What he really meant is that man has a spiritual element (the soul, called "breath" by the author) and a material element (the body, which according to the author's terminology is taken from clay). This seems to be primitive, yet the author had observed that the soul reveals herself in the breathing of a man. Even nowadays, when a man is sick to death, we are sure that he is still alive, if we see him breathing.

Much in the historical sections of the Bible was never intended to be history in our sense of the word, but contains some fictional elements that would have been readily recognized as such by men of that time. The fantastic ages of the Patriarchs is a point in question. We have, for instance, lists of Babylonian kings where ten kings live the fantastic time of 45,600 years, that means an average life-span of 4,500 years per king. What the author wanted to say is that these Patriarchs were venerable.

Who tells us that the Scripture is Scripture, that it is God's word? It is at least partially true that the Scripture testifies to itself as God's word. The New Testament says that the Old Testament has God for its author, and the New Testament shows that at least certain parts of the New Testament were regarded as inspired. The determinative factor in this matter, however, is not the Scripture itself, but the living voice of the Church. ■

**Father La Salle, S.V.D.
arises a priest forever!**



ON ORDINATION DAY

Most Reverend Joseph Brunini, D.D., of Natchez-Jackson, on March 30, 1964, ordained Fathers Michael Moody, S.V.D., of Mobile, Alabama; Father Byron La Salle, S.V.D., of Saint Martinville, Louisiana, and Father Lawrence Silver, S.V.D., of Paxton, Nebraska. The ceremony took place in the Divine Word Chapel, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

**Very Rev. Provincial
Robert Hunter, S.V.D.
places his hands on
Father Silver as a sign
of their one priesthood.**



**Father Moody receives
the power to offer the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**



FIRST MASS *of* NEWLY ORDAINED



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1. Father Joseph Ford, S.V.D., preached an inspiring sermon.

2. Father Silver offers the host on the paten while Father Butler, S.V.D. observes.

3. Father La Salle at the elevation of the Host.

4. Father Moody at the elevation of the Chalice.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silver with their missionary son.

6. A beaming Mrs. Byron La Salle with her missionary son, the elated sisters, and a younger brother.

7. The Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda welcome Father Moody back home!

The Pause That Refreshes


by FRATER RAYMOND JOSEPH, S.V.D.

The teachings of Christ, as portrayed in the Gospels, have put our eternal welfare so high above earthly prosperity that the idea of a Spiritual Retreat logically follows from it. Christ solemnly says; "And as for you, do not seek what you shall drink and do not exalt yourselves (for after all these things the nations of the world seek) but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God and all these things shall be given you besides." (Luke 12:29-31).

Christ's example also shows the spiritual value and need of retreats for all Christians—his followers. For what else was His hidden life than a long retreat, a constant union with His Father through silence and prayer? He began His public life with (the) a retreat of forty days, as we know from the account given by St. Matthew. "Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights he was hungry." (Matt. 4, 1-2). Even during the busy days of His public ministry Christ often withdrew into solitude to engage in prayer.

One of the leading beverages on the market today has long advertised itself as "the pause that refreshes." This is exactly what a retreat is. It is a pause that refreshes us spiritually. It is a time spent in prayer and silence in which one regroups the powers of his soul in order to rededicate his life to the fullness of his Christian vocation. The retreatant is expected to spend this time in serious reflection upon the state of his spiritual life.

Just what is the meaning and pur-



A retreatant at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

The Value of Making a Spiritual Retreat

pose of a Retreat? A comparison may be of help here to illustrate the point. In wartime it is routine practice for all warships to return to port after spending a certain period of time in the thick of the battle. Some of them would be badly damaged, barely able to navigate under their own power. Others would steam into port hardly the worse for wear. Once docked, the ship would be given a thorough check-up and any needed repairs would be made. After a period of inactivity and reconditioning the ship would again return to the battle zone.

This, by way of comparison, is what a Retreat has to offer. Holy Scripture compares man's life on earth to a continuous warfare. A Retreat gives us a chance to withdraw momentarily from the stress and strain of daily life and to take stock of ourselves. Everything needs a renewal from time to time. After a long period of time has elapsed, we give in to weak human nature. Imperfection upon imperfection piles up. An improvement becomes necessary. Perhaps we need to renew our spirit of prayer or our generosity towards God or our charity towards our fellow-men. By withdrawing for a little while from the distractions of our daily routine we are in a better position to view ourselves as we really are and to make positive plans for our spiritual improvement.

A Retreat gives us a chance to make a thorough spiritual checkup under the guidance of an experienced director. With his help we are able to detect the roots of disorder in our spiritual life; why we find it so difficult to pray

as we should; why we find ourselves slipping back into the same old faults repeatedly without making any apparent progress. The director can provide us with practical hints for correction of our faults. With this knowledge and the new courage and zeal gained from the Retreat, we can leave determined to live a better and more meaningful life.

What are some of the benefits which can be derived from a Retreat? It gives us a new spiritual start in life, bringing peace and comfort to the soul while providing rest and release from tensions.

It gives direction and vigor to our battle against the world, the flesh and the devil while helping us to acquire a supernatural outlook regarding trials and sorrows.

It also gives us a deeper understanding of our religion and prepares us for Catholic Action.

Take advantage of this golden opportunity. Make a weekend Retreat this summer. At our Divine Word Seminary here in Bay St. Louis, Laymen's Retreats will be conducted on the following weekends.

June 19-21

July 10-12

June 26-28

July 17-19

There will also be a "Cana Day" for married couples which will be held on June 7. Don't delay. Make a booking for a Retreat at your earliest convenience. God is expecting you to be his guest for a weekend. Will you turn Him down?

by E. J. EDWARDS, S.V.D.

The Sacred Heart is a compassionate heart. The gospel tell us so. Time and again they record that He was "moved with compassion." Evidently it was a profoundly deep compassion, showing itself in the expression of His face, His eyes, the tone of His voice, His words, and His whole behavior. He is touched to the Heart at the sight of human miseries and misfortunes and His divine power stretches forth its hand to cure a leper (Mk. 1, 41), to give sight to the blind (Mtt. 20, 34), to feed the hungry (Mtt. 15, 32), to guide and guard the crowds wandering like sheep without a shepherd (Mtt. 9, 36).

Perhaps one of the most eloquent examples of our Lord's compassionate Heart is the incident of the Widow of Naim. The Liturgy uses it twice: on the 15th Sunday after Pentecost and on the Thursday of the 4th week in Lent. And the incident, like all the incidents of His life, contains life for the ones who witnessed it at the time when it occurred, as well as for us who contemplate it now, years later.

There is a great art in the narration of the incident. A procession of death moves along the road, going out of the city. A procession of life moves along the same road, going into the city. The two streams meet, and they stop, and Life stretches forth its Hand, and death is changed into life, and the two streams become one and flow back into the city.

Compassion is goodness touched at the sight of someone else's need or misery. And our Lord is God, and God is infinite goodness. As there is no limit to His goodness, so there is no limit to His compassion. We believe this. But the limited mind is unable to grasp

the unlimited. Yet here, from our Lord's immediate compassion for the widow's grief and His use of omnipotence to allay it, we get a glimpse of unlimited compassion. It is all done so simply, spontaneously. Yet there are depths to all our Lord's words and works, different levels of meaning beyond the immediate and apparent one. Behind the seeming spontaneity is divine deliberation.

It is true the motive was the restoration of a child to its mother: "And He gave him to his mother." That was the immediate purpose and motive: to comfort the widowed mother of an only son. Could He not also have been comforting His own Mother, who would also be, before long, the widowed Mother of an only Son? Might not the memory of this incident have been one of the supporting elements for Mary's faith during the Passion and death of her Son? A source of comfort during those bleak hours from Good Friday till Easter Sunday? He who was Lord of life and death, had once used that power to give back an only son to a sorrowing mother. Surely He would do as much, and more, for His own sorrowing Mother. And so the compassion that reached out to this one bereaved mother was the compassion of His Heart for His own bereaved Mother. For in her person all mothers were become especially dear to Him.

Most of our Lord's miracles were asked for or expected. They were meant, among other things, to be incentives to faith. If the faith of the petitioner was great, He praised it; if it was small or lacking, He strove to deepen or arouse it before working the miracle. But He was not a mere faith-healer, dependent on the power

of auto-suggestion. This miracle demonstrates that. It is one of the rare incidents in the gospel where a miracle was neither asked for nor expected.

The recipient is a weeping widow. We do not know her name. Only that she lived in a town called Naim, which in Hebrew means Beautiful. Perhaps she, too, was once beautiful. At least with the beauty of youth, of young love, of young motherhood. But she is not beautiful now. She is weeping. The bitter tears of hopeless loss—and there is no beauty in such tears.

She does not speak to our Lord. And yet no one ever seems to have spoken more effectively to Him than she did. Her tears spoke to Him. The language of sorrow is most moving to the Man of Sorrows. And His response is immediate: "Do not weep."

And then she looked at Him with all the emptiness of the childless years ahead showing in her face, all the desolation of the present loss deep in her eyes. There is no need for words. Not for Him who reads hearts. And He restores the dead youth to life and gives him to his mother.

Certainly this nameless widow has made a name for herself. Or rather her encounter with our Lord has. How many souls have learned from her hopelessness and bereavement how to meet their own. For there are times when things so get us down that it seems we can do nothing; not even pray. No words come. The extremity of our sorrow or sickness or suffering or failure reduces us to a void, an emptiness. There is nothing we can do or say, except simply put ourselves before Him. Then it is that our tears and suffering speak to Him. This is a going forth from our soul's darkness and meeting Him, the Lord of Light. A simple kneeling before the tabernacle and exposing to His gaze our condition. His response is sure. His Heart is "full of goodness and love", and out of that fulness comes the fulness of His compassion, stretching forth its hand to help and heal and comfort.



NOVENA to SACRED HEART

May 28 - June 5

June 25 - July 3

Divine Word Missionaries invite you to take part in their monthly Sacred Heart Novena. Daily during the Novena your intentions are remembered at the altar. Send in your intentions with your offering before the first day of the Novena.

Name

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Intentions

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Mail to:

Father Provincial

Divine Word Missionaries

Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520

(Join our 1,000 Lovers of the Sacred Heart. Write to the address above to let us know if you want to receive the monthly devotional letter.

☐ Yes

☐ No

MEN OF GOD

By the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER'S arbitrary count Father Donald M. Clark, Father Victor Butler, S.V.D., and Father Stanley Farier, S.V.D. raise the total of Negro priests attached to the U.S. clergy to 146. Of the 11 Negro priests featured this year by the MESSENGER, seven were ordained for religious orders; four for the diocesan clergy. According to our figures there are 143 Negro religious priests and 43 Negro diocesan priests.

In this issue we note the ordination of the first Haitian Redemptorist, Father Dautruche.

We congratulate Brother Vincent Gray, S.M. on his recent appointment. Finally, we note the sudden death of Father William C. Grau.

FATHER DONALD MICHAEL CLARK

The Reverend Donald Michael Clark will be ordained June 6, 1964, in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit, Michigan. The Most Reverend John F. Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, will be the ordaining prelate. His First Solemn Mass will be sung in St. Theresa Church, Detroit, on June 7th. Father Clark is a convert to Catholicism from the Baptist religion, in which his family is still very active. Upon completion of his philosophy course at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit in 1958, Father Clark began his study of Sacred Theology at St. John's Major Seminary of the Detroit Archdiocese. Father Clark's younger brother is a graduate of Wayne State University's Medical School. An older brother was awarded a silver star posthumously for service in Korea. He likewise has a younger married sister, a mother of one son.

FATHER VICTOR BUTLER, S.V.D.

Father Victor Butler, S.V.D., was ordained February 2, 1964 at the Divine Word Seminary in Techny, Illinois, by the Most Reverend George E. Bernarding, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of Mt. Hagen in New Guinea. Father Butler was born in Roseau, Dominica, West Indies. At the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 1951, he began his studies for the priesthood. Father Butler will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass this June in New York City where his mother now lives; his father is deceased. While awaiting his official

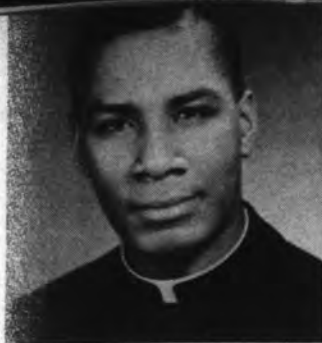
assignment, Father Butler is teaching French and Latin in the minor seminary at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

FATHER STANLEY FARIER, S.V.D.

Father Stanley Farier, S.V.D. was ordained in Rome, February 16, 1964. A native of St. Kitts, West Indies, he made his minor seminary studies at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. His theology studies were completed at the Gregorian University in Rome. Father Farier has been assigned to teach a year in the theology department at the Divine Word Seminary, Techny, Illinois.

FATHER FERNAND DAUTRUCHE, C.Ss.R.

Reverend Fernand Dautruche will be ordained a priest for the Redemptorist Congregation June 21, 1964, by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman. Father Dautruche, a citizen of Port-au-Prince, will be the first Haitian Redemptorist. His early education was received in his home country. In March, 1956, he came to the United States, and for two years he worked on Wall Street for the French American Banking Corporation. Father Dautruche completed his philosophy and theology at Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York. Here his ordination will take place. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Nerva Dautruche, Father Dautruche is the youngest in a family of one brother and two sisters. His First Mass is scheduled at St. Gerard, Port-au-Prince, June 28. Father Dautruche has not received his first assignment.



Fr. Clark



Fr. Butler



Fr. Dautruche



Fr. Farier



Fr. Wm. Grau



Bro. Gray

BROTHER VINCENT GRAY, S.M.

On August 15, 1963, Brother Vincent Gray, S.M. (Marianist) was appointed director of the Motherhouse community as well as principal of the high school department, Maryhurst Preparatory School, Kirkwood, Missouri. Observers might have considered his appointment as unusual, but the priests and brothers of the Society of Mary took the appointment for what it was: Recognition of the administrative ability of a well-qualified individual.

Brother Vincent Gray was born in Inkster, Michigan, near Detroit. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gray, who this year are celebrating their fifty-third wedding anniversary. Brother Vincent attended grade school at St. Mary's Parish, Wayne, Michigan. The school was staffed by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At Sacred Heart High School in Detroit he was taught by the Holy Ghost Fathers and the Felician Sisters. Upon graduation in 1949 he entered the Society of Mary, also known as the Brothers of Mary or the Marianists.

MESSENGER readers are requested to pray for the repose of the soul of Father William C. Grau, an American

Negro priest who died Thursday, April 2, 1964. A brief biography follows:

Reverend William C. Grau, S.T.L., a priest for 30 of his 59 years, was found dead near the telephone in Queen of All Saints Rectory, Lackawanna, New York. Shortly before death, Father Grau, a diabetic, had been confined for three months in the hospital.

Father Grau was born in Cleveland, the eldest in a family of eight children. He attended John Carroll University there and matriculated at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan, before continuing his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

He was ordained in Rome, February 26, 1934. Following ordination, Father Grau remained at the Gregorian University for post graduate study until 1938. In this year he was assigned to the Buffalo Diocese as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna. Later he was transferred to Queen of All Saints as assistant, July 7, 1949. He was appointed pastor, June 11, 1958. He held this position until death.

His surviving relatives include four sisters and three brothers.

A CHALLENGE to

by FATHER JEROME LEDOUX, S.V.D.

Forbidding, glowering Sonny Liston moved like a ponderous dump truck, while gaseous Cassius darted in and out like a hummingbird and stung like an infuriated bee. A long, straight left, and an ugly puff rose on Sonny's right eye. A quick right, and a well of blood gushed forth from Sonny's left eye. From there on in, the champion's cause was lost. After successfully playing "Blindman's Bluff" in the fifth round, Cassius methodically pounded Sonny into conceding the fight because of an injured left shoulder. Many fight fans were angry, ostensibly because Liston was yellow or because the fight was fixed, but actually because they had been sure that Sonny would button the "Louisville Lip" for good.

The characteristic reaction of the fight crowd is almost always the same. Clay, like Eddie Machen before him, showed not only desire to live but also considerable fistic finesse in sidestepping and parrying the furious lunges of Liston. However, that made for a dull, no-action fight in the mind of the crowd. Since their bread and butter depend upon the crowd, fighters pay heed to its bloodthirsty clamoring by driving in to disable an opponent, preferably by the knockout route. There is usually a close relation between ticket sales and a fighter's knockout talents. The end result is sometimes the death of a good boxer like Alejandro Lavorante, the former heavyweight champion of Argentina, who passed away in April of the cur-



Cassius Clay

rent year after remaining in a semi-coma induced by a knockout at the hands of Johnny Riggins in September of 1962. At times the tragedy is even more spectacular, as in the haunting case of Benny "Kid" Paret who was reduced to a senseless, bleeding mass of dying humanity by the trip hammer blows of Emile Griffith in April of 1962. A hue and cry is raised after each such fatality. There are renewed rounds of condemnation and moral evaluation. Then things gradually die down again until something singular and exciting awakens the dormant emotions of people at large.

This is indeed a strange pattern, especially when one considers that some high dignitaries of the Church, not to speak of countless priests and innumerable laymen of excellent character are fight fans in one way or another. The blunt question presents itself: What moral problems are involved in those sports whose participants run the risk of serious injury or death? Or, more specifically: Is it ever immoral to engage in sports which in some way endanger one's health or life?

There is no controversy whatsoever concerning defensive boxing, where the intention is not to land heavy blows but to parry the opponent's blows and

to show one's offensive potential by landing light blows. Injuries sustained in such bouts are not only very slight but also completely incidental.

The question takes on quite another color when it tackles prize fighting, or professional boxing. The boxers main reason for prize fighting is money, of course. Add to this purpose, perhaps, a touch of fame, a dash of pride, or a need for venting one's frustrations. Formerly, European theologians roundly condemned prize fighting, while American theologians tolerated it for the most part. One reason for this difference of opinion is obvious. The best prize fighters and, usually, the champions are Americans; for it is here in America that boxers are pushed through Spartan routines to become bone-crushers and, if possible, also lightning-fast.

Okay, so American theologians are prejudiced in this point! No, not any more. However, it seems that many once were. And even now it seems true to say that not too many theologians, American or otherwise, carry their objections to a logical conclusion. Writing in various organs of the Church and at times in completely secular magazines such as *Sports Illustrated* — to which Father Richard A. McCormick, S.J., contributed a comprehensive and enlightening article for the November 5, 1962 issue — our Catholic theologians begin at rock bottom with the fifth commandment. Without a proportionately good reason, no one is allowed to destroy his life, his health, or the integrity of his limbs. Nor is anyone allowed to deprive himself of the use of his senses without a proportionate reason, for it is repugnant that man should lower himself to the plane of animals. Thus, one may risk or give his life or health in order to save another's life. Again, it is lawful to amputate a gangrenous leg in order to save the entire body.

Now how do these moral principles relate to sports which are physically dangerous? No year goes by without

the BOXING FAN

some deaths in football, mostly high school or college, but occasionally also professional, as in the case of Stone Johnson this past football season. Monstrously powerful racing cars likewise take their toll of human life each year. But deaths are entirely incidental in these and similar sports. The object of a bone-rattling tackle in football is to slow up and stop the runner, and that not by maiming him but by disengaging his feet from the ground. Similarly, the purpose of a racing driver is to win by skill and daring, not by physical injury. Therefore, a reasonable amount of skill, precautions and common sense are all the safeguards necessary. Prize fighting, however, is quite another story; for, although boxing is the art of hitting without getting hit, the professional



Father Jerome LeDoux, S.V.D.

A CHALLENGE TO THE BOXING FAN

prize fighter extends it to mean the art of disabling one's opponent by the most effective means at hand: a murderous beating and, if possible, a knockout. In other words, injury to the point of helplessness is the *means* of attaining victory. Naturally, such injury is not intended as an end in itself, but it is certainly intended as a means to an unworthy end.

It is interesting that injuries have increased sharply with the introduction of gloves, because the glove is in effect a refined sledge hammer which allow the boxer to swing as hard as he can without hurting his fists. The fact that the glove is soft does not help much at all if a blow is powerful; for the brain floats loosely in a special liquid, much like a scientific specimen preserved in formaldehyde, and any violent motion sends it crashing against the retaining walls of the cranium. The result is always some sort of hemorrhage, harmless or damaging in direct proportion to the force of the blow. Frequent or one very grave injury to the nerve tissue of the brain can lead to permanent damage. Depending on what section of the brain is damaged permanently, the hapless boxer suffers from punch-drunkenness, varying degrees of blindness, impairment of memory and thinking, subtle psychological erosion of one's character. Add to this the twisted noses, the cauliflower ears and the multiple scars sported by so many boxers, and the composite picture is a brutal one — the same brutal picture projected by the fight fans' lower cravings which lower human emotions to the level of brute beasts. The ancient Romans' shout of "Bread and circus!" was not unique but merely unrefined by the subtle lip-service of Christianity.

The moral argument against the knockout itself is not a very cogent one, since quite a number of bouts do not end in knockouts and since most knockouts do not involve the complete loss of one's senses. If we would compare the knockout to the morality of drunkenness, which is also a deprivation

of one's reason, many a knockout would equal no more than the condition of being "happy" or "high". However, the moral arguments against the physical injuries resulting from heavy blows, as well as against the brutish inclinations cultivated by fight fans, are arguments which cannot be shrugged off. Further, even a well-intentioned boxer can but ill control the force of his punches in the heat of battle, what with all the bobbing, weaving and feinting.

Why, then, are we so slow to oppose the travesty which is called boxing? Well, let's face it. Our thought is not yet evolved to that extent. Despite its undesirable elements, we still like to see how boxing lifts hoodlums out of the gutters and converts them into respectable men; how it develops a remarkable power of calmly looking danger in the eye and of controlling passions under trying circumstances; how it discourages the use of deadly weapons; how it superbly conditions the body. And, oh, how fascinating! The drama of baseball is too prolonged, say sportswriters; the excitement of football is sporadic; the tense movement of horse racing is too short. But, oh, the blood-tingling emotions generated by a superb fighter! But alas! The ends are fair, but the means are foul.

Our attitude toward prize fighting may be likened — in a far less degree, of course — to the institution of slavery, which survived the beginnings of Christianity for well over a thousand years until it was finally recognized as an unhappy stage in man's continual quest for universal freedom. It may be years also before a clear moral picture of boxing is imprinted in the minds of men. The least the clergy can do is not abet the evil if they are convinced of it. Their conversation should not show positive interest in boxers as sluggers. Convictions of moral wrong and encouragement of it, even in ourselves, are inconsistent. It is high time to wean people away from their apathetic delusion.

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THE DIVINE WORD

Mission Trail



1964 GRADUATES OF THE DIVINE WORD SEMINARY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S MINOR SEMINARY. Top row, left to right: Allen Hayes, Beaumont, Texas; Arnold Bourgeois, New Orleans, La., Gilbert Rochon, New Orleans, La. Second row: Carl Todd, Meridian, Miss., Hercules Granger, Rayne, La., Curtis Guillory, Ville Platte, La. Bottom row: Emile St. Cyr, New Orleans, La., Carl Saunders, Key West, Fla., Hubert Dourousseau, Ville Platte, La., Paul Martel, Opelousas, La., Richard Chenier, Opelousas, La., William Dauphin, Lafayette, La.

ARKANSAS

St. Bartholomew's, Little Rock

Since full integration will become a reality in Little Rock this year, the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades of St. Bartholomew's High School shall discontinue. Father Friedel said that the 12th grade will be permitted to continue the 1964-65 school year and graduate from St. Bartholomew's High. The children of the Elementary school will occupy the present high school thus leaving St. Bartholomew's Elementary school building available for a first rate kindergarten. Of note in the kindergarten was their recent Annual Fashion Show on April 2nd.

St. Peter's, Pine Bluff

Contrary to our prophecy of a new church (c.f. last issue of Messenger) in Pine Bluff, the Carpenter priest, Father Kehrner, has installed a new

bell and tower. The large, 200 pound bell, in memory of Mr. Joseph Pierre, rests on a 40 foot tower, and can be heard ringing throughout Pine Bluff.

MISSISSIPPI

St. Joseph, Meridian



Father Clement Mathis, S.V.D., baptismal group at St. Joseph's, Meridian: 3 adults and sponsors pictured here; 1 youth.

Father Clement Mathis baptized six new converts during the month of February — three adults and three school children. The adult group is pictured with their sponsors in the accompanying picture. One of the re-

cently baptized children can also be seen in the group. Father Mathis has nine more persons receiving instructions at the present time.

Father also states that he needs a new grade-school building and with financial help he shall materialize his plans.

St. Francis, Yazoo City

Full participation in the Mass and Liturgical functions is being achieved by Father Joseph Stier in St. Francis parish. Since February Mass has been celebrated facing the people. The altar of sacrifice was erected just behind the altar rail so as to make it possible for greater participation and unity.

Besides the upcoming confirmation on May 21st by Bishop Brunini, many noteworthy events have taken place which we know you will be interested in. In January, eight delegates and the school choir (by special request) represented the school in the State CYO convention held at St. Joseph High school in Jackson. The choir also received a superior rating and a trophy at the District Music Festival in Clinton. Speaking of awards, the school won first place for the third consecutive year in the spelling contests sponsored by the Delta Catholic Scholastic Association; they thereby earned permanent possession of a trophy.

A journalism Workshop was held at the school emphasizing newswriting, editing, photography, layout and headline writing.

Along the sports line, the St. Francis "Eagles" do not like to be outclassed. Last Fall they were champions of the Highland Athletic Football Conference and this year placed second in the Catholic Basketball tournament held at St. Mary's in Vicksburg.

LOUISIANA

Assumption, Basile-St. Joseph, Elton

Father Andrew Masters recently installed a new bell tower at St. Joseph's (see photo). The tower is a gift from a nearby business establishment. The



Bell Tower in Elton, La.

labor, i.e., the welding (the top third is a section of an oil derrick) scraping and painting, foundation preparations, etc., is the result of many eager parishioners contributing their time to the project. The glimmering aluminum tower and bell can now be heard calling the faithful to worship God in Elton.

St. Peter, The Apostle, Franklin

The parish and mission of Father Jerome Haines have been blessed with two vocations to the Sisterhood. Sister Jazelle (the former Lula Mae Metz of Julien Hill) became a Sister in the Congregation of the Holy Family and the former Emile Guilotte of Glenco became a member of the Eucharistic Sisters of St. Dominic.

Father Haines, the founder and first pastor of the new (1961) parish, intends to build a new school of religious instruction in Glenco.

The crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Loretta Broussard, as seen



Loretta Brouard crowns the Blessed Virgin

in the photograph, took place at St. Joan of Arc. On a local level, the event assumed major importance. Loretta was the first of her race to crown the Virgin in the integrated parish. Loretta rallied from a very serious accident prior to the scheduled crowning.



ASSUMPTION, BERTRANDVILLE

Father Clarence Weber, S.V.D. is assured of four Dominican Sisters to teach classes of religious instruction this summer.



Father John Coady, S.V.D., treasurer and faculty member at the Seminary has been appointed to the Region of Ghana, West Africa.



ST. THOMAS, POINT-A-LA-HACHE

Father Peter Boerding, S.V.D. holds the Catholic fort open in Plaquemine Parish.



Father Hubert Singleton, S.V.D., was united with his family, March 19, at the solemn perpetual vow profession of Sr. Mary Hubert, S.S.F., (left) in the Holy Family Motherhouse, New Orleans, La. Sr. Mary of the Presentation is a member of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation.

Missionary Reunions

On arrival for the Provincial Chapter of the Southern Province, Very Rev. Father John Schutte, S.V.D., Superior General, stops to greet a veteran of the Japanese Missions, Father John Zimmerman, S.V.D. Father William Adams, S.V.D. (center) looks on with major seminarians, Thomas Lynch and Alvin Ingram.



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